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Presto delayed to 2013

Technical problems. Cards not being debited when users tap readers — which means OC Transpo isn't getting paid

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The launch of the problem-plagued Presto fare payment system in Ottawa will be delayed until Feb. 1, 2013.

At a Transit Commission meeting Wednesday, Metrolinx CEO Bruce McCuaig apologized to the city and OC Transpo riders for problems with the Presto system, which was supposed to launch July 1.

Metrolinx, the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area transit authority overseeing the Presto system, has identified numerous technical problems.

lems. McCuaig said the most severe is "white screening," which occurs when the on-board machines don't reboot properly and don't work.

Transit Commission chair Diane Deans said she thinks the seven-month extension given to Presto should be the last and has asked OC Transpo to develop a "Plan B" if the issue is not resolved within a month.

"If we get to a point where the root cause (of the problem) has not been identified and they do not meet the deadline they have asked for today then I think we will have to start considering our options," she said.

Deans said OC Transpo alerted Metrolinx to the problems and Metrolinx appeared ready to go ahead with the launch of the problem-plagued system until the city "put the breaks" on the project on June 7.

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SMOKIN' HOT

Boss Hog's rib master Adam Gordon adds a thick coating of BBQ sauce to a rack of ribs at Ribfest on Sparks Street, Wednesday. The festival runs until Monday. Go to metronews.ca for a photo gallery of the smoky, lip-smacking, mouth-watering fun. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

Family left searching for missing man

A 28-year-old Ottawa man went missing over the weekend and his family struggles with his disappearance

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Award-winning acrobatic show explores the human psyche

Julien Siliu, who plays Johnny the addict in a show called PSY, manoeuvres his body through a German wheel on Wednesday during a media preview at the NAC Theatre. The circus troupe Les 7 doigts de la main is bringing its award-winning show to Ottawa from June 20 to 23. Tickets start at \$35 and are available at the box office or at ticketmaster.ca. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Hoedown tickets being sold on Kijiji

Country music fest.
Sellers' posts reflect uncertainty over lineup



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Some Capital Hoedown ticket holders are asking for refunds, some are hoping the

revised lineup is good — and others are getting rid of their tickets online.

The festival's problems became known when it missed a payment with the City of Ottawa and wasn't allowed to stage the show in Walter Baker Park. Organizers said Hoedown would go ahead in a new venue and the lineup would change. To date, the roster is unknown, but media

reports say headlining artists Taylor Swift, Brad Paisley, Reba McEntyre and others have removed the festival from their list of tour dates.

"I have tickets for August 10th, 11th. ALL OFFERS CONSIDERED," wrote one Kijiji poster on June 18.

"If you like the new lineup they come out with I'll sell you my 3 day pass for 150," wrote another poster on June 13.

A poster who was touting two tickets for the Sunday show offered them to Metro at face value — \$200.

Asked who was playing, he cited a press release from Capital Hoedown CEO Denis Benoit that read: "Contrary to several media reports, most all of the previously scheduled entertainment lineup is in place and remains unchanged."

Another person on Kijiji offered no tickets, but only a warning to would-be buyers:

"BE CAUTIOUS BUYING TICKETS FOR THIS SHOW!!!!... If you were looking forward to seeing a specific artist, check their personal website first before buying ANY tickets ! Numech Ranch in Stittsville is the new venue.... but lineup still unsure. Google Ottawa Hoedown for more info!"

City holding on to its money until Presto problems fixed

The Presto delay is costing Ottawa lost fares and reputation, Transit Commission councillors say, and the city has stopped paying for the system in the meantime.

The city has withheld one payment of about \$4 million to Metrolinx, the GTA and Hamilton-area transit author-

ity overseeing Presto, said OC Transpo general manager John Manconi. The city wants to be reimbursed for the costs of the delay. A transit-fare hike was tied to the rollout of the Presto system and that is now postponed, transit chair Diane Deans said.

Metrolinx has agreed to



Bruce McCuaig
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"offset" the city's "reasonable, documented, unavoidable," costs, said CEO Bruce McCuaig. He would not guaran-

tee Metrolinx will repay the lost revenue from the delayed fare hike.

Asked if the situation will end in a lawsuit, McCuaig said that would not be "productive."

Provincial gas-tax funding is tied to use of the Presto system. It is unclear what will

happen to the more than \$30 million in funding if the city abandons Presto.

David Salter, press secretary to Transportation Minister Bob Chiarelli, said it would be "inappropriate to speculate as it's a hypothetical situation at this point."

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On the web

He makes him wanna shout

One crazy fan took his love for fame (and video bombing) to a whole new level when he rudely interrupted Webb Simpson's interview after winning the 2012 U.S. Open. Go to metronews.ca to watch the now-infamous screech.

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Family struggling to find missing Ottawa man

Missing person. Fouad Nayel was supposed to return to Ottawa for a Father's Day dinner, but never showed up and nobody knows why



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The family of a 28-year-old Ottawa man who went missing over the weekend is trying to find out where he is and whether or not he is OK.

Fouad Nayel was last seen Sunday morning before he left for Petawawa to see some friends, according to his cousin, Adam Mounzer.

"We're just trying to piece together everyone he's talked to," Mounzer told Metro Wednesday. "He would never disappear like this. It's not like him."

Mounzer is very worried about his cousin, but said he wants to stay strong for the rest of the family who is struggling to get any leads.

Seeking tips

Police describe Nayel as a Middle Eastern man, six-foot tall, 180 pounds, a thin build, brown eyes, short black hair and partially bald, no facial hair and poor teeth. He was driving a black, 2002, four-door Nissan Altima with licence plate number ATTA 634.

- Anyone with information is asked to contact the missing persons unit at 613-236-1222, extension 3726 or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS).

"They're hysterical. They're extremely worried," said Mounzer. "His mother is not doing very well. She's in tears."

He said there have been no calls made on Nayel's cellphone and no activity on his debit card since he went missing. Mounzer is taking to Facebook to ask if anyone has any tips.

Ottawa police issued a news release Tuesday to ask for the public's help.



Fouad Nayel, of Ottawa, was last seen Sunday morning. HANDOUT



GRC gets its accessible rink

Fog rises from the ice Wednesday as a new NHL-sized rink opens in Stittsville that can cater to sledge hockey and players with disabilities. The new arena is the final phase of an \$8.7-million multi-year expansion and renovation of the Goulbourn Recreation Complex. It features widened team benches for sledges, lowered board glass so those in wheelchairs can watch and synthetic ice that connects the rink with the dressing room. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

Newborn death. Shaken baby syndrome ruled out by Gatineau police

Gatineau police say shaken baby syndrome was not the cause in the Tuesday death of a one-month-old girl.

Sgt. Jean Paul Le May said investigators are still considering the death suspicious, but officers have not ruled out natural or accidental causes.

"That's what we're investigating. The one thing ruled out is shaken baby syndrome," he said.

Le May said police are waiting for further analysis based on the autopsy, including toxicology testing and other information.

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Drug trafficking

Project Firecracker sweep nets 23 more arrests

An additional 23 people have been charged with drug trafficking under Ottawa police's Project Firecracker targeting street level drug dealing in the Byward Market and downtown Rideau area.

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National strategy unveiled for organ and tissue donation, transplants



Leah Hollins, Canadian Blood Services (CBS) board chair, left, Dr. Graham Sher, CBS CEO, and Jean-Paul Bedard, vice-president of public affairs, discuss a national strategy for organ and tissue donation and transplantation at a press conference in Ottawa, Wednesday. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Call to Action.

New infrastructure will let provinces, territories achieve more together than alone, chair says



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The Canadian Blood Services (CBS) announced Wednesday what it calls a breakthrough in the country's organ and tissue donation system.

CBS board chair Leah Hollins called the new plan a "game changer" that can save lives and add value to health-care dollars.

"It enables provinces and territories to do together what they cannot achieve alone," said Hollins.

The blueprint for the plan, entitled Call to Action, was three years in the making and follows prov-

Increasing organ donation

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The plan outlines 25 recommendations for provinces and territories with the goal of increasing organ donation by 50 per cent over the next five years and sustaining the increase over the decade following.

inces and territories working together to find out how to reduce wait times and increase the rate of transplantation.

The plan still hasn't been fully agreed to by all the parties involved.

Provinces, except Quebec, would share the cost of the plan, and would increase their operational budgets for organ donation by 15 per cent. The increase would total about \$80 million per year in new funds.

The plan also would see some savings as it calls for provinces to stop spending millions of dollars to import

tissues from the U.S. About 80 per cent of all tissues are imported, said Dr. Peter Nickerson, CBS executive medical director of transplantation.

"What we're looking to do is create our own capacity in Canada that doesn't currently exist," said Nickerson. "So we're building a new infrastructure that will have an operational cost somewhere in the order of \$37 million per year."

At a press conference Wednesday in Ottawa, Dr. Graham Sher, CBS CEO, said the current system does not meet the needs of Canadians.

"In Canada we have seen stagnant performance for over a decade in organ tissue donation and transplantation," said Sher, adding that the demand for organs and tissues will only increase.

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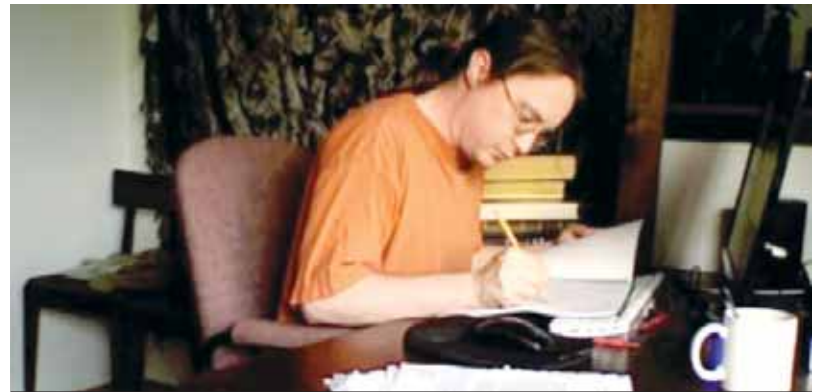
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Brendan Myers, shown here, says his free critical-thinking textbook will teach CEGEP students how to resolve conflicts. CONTRIBUTED

Prof goes online to raise funds for free textbook

\$5,000 goal. College prof got idea after friend and fellow author raised \$90,000 to support series of kids' books



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A professor who was shocked when some of his students had to choose between eating and buying a textbook for his class is readying his own free book with money he's raising on the Internet.

So, this year, Brendan Myers, a philosophy professor at Gatineau's Heritage College CEGEP and the author of

Give some, get some

- Depending on how much they gave, contributors who helped fund the book online will get a digital copy of the book, a hard copy and even a political strategy game Myers devised.

eight books, turned to online fundraising site Kickstarter.

"All my previous books were through a publisher or self-published," Myers said. "But I wanted to raise money so that I could bring in more contributors. The book will have (as) high-quality production as other textbooks, but without the cost."

The professor's campaign on Kickstarter has so far garnered nearly \$4,000 of his \$5,000 goal, with 141 people and groups such as two seminars and a game-design studio backing the book.

"The game-design studio want to use it to help their employees make better games by studying game theory and the prisoner's dilemma," Myers said, referring to logic models often used in video-game scenarios.

With the average logic textbook going for \$70, Myers is hoping his book titled Clear and Present Thinking will catch on in CEGEPs across Quebec.

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Terror in Toulouse — again

Hostages saved.

French police storm bank in the area where seven people were killed by terrorist gunman in March

A hostage-taking Wednesday left the French city of Toulouse traumatized for the second time in three months.

Police stormed a bank and captured a gunman who took four of its employees hostage.

Tensions have been high in Toulouse since March,

City in fear

"I'm worried about the climate that reigns in this city."

Fearful Doriane Clermont, 23, who lives across the street from the bank with her three-year-old son.

when a gunman who claimed links to the al-Qaida terror network killed three Jewish schoolchildren, a rabbi and three paratroopers.

This time, officials waved off reports the latest suspect had ties to al-Qaida, saying he had psychiatric problems.

Prosecutor Michel Valet said the gun, used twice during the six-hour ordeal, fired only rubber bullets, and the gunman had no prior police record.

The hostages were released unharmed, while the suspect was hospitalized with two bullet wounds in the left hand and left thigh.

Among those moved to safety in the area were four-year-olds and five-year-olds from a private language school next to the bank.

The Prefect of the Haute-Garonne region, Henri-Michel Comet, said 150 police were mobilized, 30 of them from the elite GIPN squad.

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Police secure the area after a gunman took four people hostage in a Toulouse bank Wednesday. BRUNO MARTIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Court ready to debate the state of Breivik's mind



Sane or insane? Anders Behring Breivik, left, is watched by two psychiatrists during his Oslo mass murder trial. HEIKO JUNGKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Do prosecutors think confessed mass killer Anders Behring Breivik is insane or not?

They're not saying — for now.

But "the decision has been made," prosecutor Svein Holden told reporters in Norway on Wednesday.

Closing arguments begin Thursday in a trial that has captivated Norway since the middle of April.

Ultimately, judges will decide Breivik's mental state when they hand down a ver-

dict in July or August.

Breivik, a self-described anti-Muslim militant, has admitted he carried out the bombing and shooting rampage that left 77 people dead in July, so guilt is not an issue.

The main issue is whether to send the 33-year-old Norwegian to a prison or a mental institution.

Weeks of fractious testimony from mental health experts suggest it's a complicated decision — and Breivik's behaviour in court has not made it any easier.

At the end of Wednesday's Oslo hearing, Breivik complained not enough attention was given to his suffering at seeing Norway become a multicultural society.

"This case is about Norway's future, and Europe's future, and these were themes they should have addressed," he said.

He added it was "a traumatic experience ... to be stigmatized as a narrow-minded Islamophobe and a right-wing extremist."

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Pivotal week

Prosecutors will present their views on Breivik's mental state on Thursday. The defence will get its chance Friday.

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Torrential downpour strikes Minnesota

A car sits in a giant sinkhole in Duluth, Minnesota, Wednesday. Residents evacuated their homes and animals escaped from pens at a zoo as floods fed by a steady torrential downpour struck northeastern Minnesota, inundating the city of Duluth. THE STAR TRIBUNE, BRIAN PETERSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dinosaurs with a difference invade the ROM

Unique show. Ancient creatures from the southern hemisphere include one that weighed as much as 10 elephants

Some of the largest and most unusual dinosaurs from the southern hemisphere will be making their Canadian debut at Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum this summer.

The museum will open its new exhibit, Ultimate Dinosaurs: Giants from Gondwana, to the public on Saturday.

It features fossils, skeletons and 17 full-scale skeletal casts of dinosaurs that evolved in isolation in Gondwana, a continent formed when the supercontinent of



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Pentagon. Anti-Islamic rhetoric blamed on bad judgment, poor oversight

Poor judgment and poor oversight led to the teaching of anti-Islamic material at a U.S. military school for officers, the Pentagon said Wednesday.

Some of the material suggested the U.S. ultimately might have to obliterate the Islamic holy cities of Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia without regard for civilian deaths.

Materials in a course for military officers at Joint Forces Staff College in Virginia portrayed the U.S. as at war with Islam. U.S. officials repeatedly say the war is against terrorists.

An army lieutenant colonel who taught the class has been relieved of his teaching duties, but investigators recommended

reviewing the actions of two civilian officials at the school to see if they also should face discipline, the Defence department said in a statement. A second military officer will receive counselling.

The teacher, Lt. Col. Matthew Dooley, had suggested that the Geneva Convention, which guides behaviour toward prisoners, was "no longer relevant" and that Muslims "hate everything you stand for."

The Pentagon suspended the course in late April when a student objected. The FBI also changed some agent training last year after discovering that its curriculum was also critical of Islam. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Baby beluga

Whale calf rescued in Alaska

A beluga whale calf, believed to have been separated from his mother during a storm, has been rescued from Alaska's Bristol Bay.

The calf, estimated at 2 to 3 days old when it was

found Monday, was taken in by the Alaska SeaLife Center after attempts by others to encourage the calf to the open ocean failed.

This is the first beluga the centre has housed.

CEO Tara Riemer Jones said staff from U.S. aquariums with experience with belugas have offered their assistance. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Pollution rife in Rio+20 host city

Eco issues. Attendees of the UN conference will witness a city struggling with sustainability

The throngs streaming into Rio for a sustainable development conference may be dreaming of white-sand beaches and clear, blue waters, but what they are first likely to notice as they leave the airport is not the salty tang of ocean in the breeze, but the stench of raw sewage.

That's because the airport sits by a bay that absorbs about 1.2 billion litres of raw wastewater a day: 480 Olympic swimming pools worth of filth.

The United Nations Environment Program warned this month that the planet's environmental systems "are being pushed towards their biophysical limits," and for the 50,000 visitors from 190 countries streaming in for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, the welcome



A child ties his raft to a tree by the polluted Jacarepagua lake, near the conference center where the Rio+20 conference is taking place in Rio de Janeiro. VICTOR R. CAIVANO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

here is a rank reminder of just how hard it will be to balance economic growth and environmental protection elsewhere across the globe.

"Rio, the host city, has a range of urban problems: air and water pollution, social exclusion, water supply," said Carlos Bocuhy, who heads the Brazilian Institute of Environmental Protection. "We are facing the possibility of collapse

if we don't change course."

The problems visitors will see in Rio alone are daunting. Twenty years ago, when the last UN Earth Summit was held here, promises were made to clean it up. Since then, seven waste-treatment stations have been built, but due to poor planning and corruption, only three of them work, and at a fraction of capacity. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

This is progress?

Earth stats, then and now

Since world leaders last gathered in Rio de Janeiro to talk about the state of the Earth in 1992, much has changed:

Temperatures: The average annual global temperature has increased 0.32 degrees Celsius since 1992 based on 10-year running averages, according to the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Pollution: Global levels of the chief heat-trapping gas, carbon dioxide, climbed 10 per cent from nearly 358 parts per million in April 1992 to 394 ppm this past April, NOAA said.

Disasters: Since 1992, natural disasters have affected 4.4 billion people worldwide, killed 1.3 million people, and cost \$2 trillion in damages, according to the United Nations.

Forests: Since 1990, the world's primary forest areas have decreased about 300 million hectares (an area larger than Argentina), according to the UN. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Omar Khadr's lawyers decry transfer delay

Press conference.

Unlike Khadr's previous lawyers, current legal team has kept a low profile



Omar Khadr
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The federal government was sticking to its lines about the delayed transfer of convicted war criminal Omar Khadr from Guantanamo Bay on the eve of a Thursday news conference by his normally taciturn legal team.

Two months after an official request by the Americans to take Khadr off their hands, Public Safety Minister Vic Toews said there was nothing new to say about the case.

"I've made not decision in that. I'll make a decision in due course, in accordance with the law."

That's been Ottawa's line ever since it became clear that the Americans were seeking to have the Toronto-born Khadr transferred to Canada to serve out the rest of his sentence.

Khadr, 25, pleaded guilty in October 2010 to war crimes committed in Afghanistan in 2002 as a 15-year-old — including murder, in violation of the rules of war.

In return for his plea before a widely maligned military commission, he was sentenced to eight years,

with one year to be served in Guantanamo Bay. He was eligible for transfer last October.

Earlier this year, sources said the transfer — in accordance with promises Ottawa made at the time of Khadr's plea bargain — was on track to happen by the end of May. That hasn't happened.

On Wednesday, Khadr's legal team — Canadian lawyers, John Norris and Brydie Bethell, and his Pentagon-appointed lawyers, Lt.-Col. Jon Jackson and Maj. Matthew Schwartz — announced they would hold a news conference in Ottawa to update the public on the delayed transfer.

They are to be joined by Sen. Romeo Dallaire, a longtime advocate for child soldiers. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

RCMP Act. Top Mountie needs more disciplinary powers: Government

The federal government wants to arm the RCMP commissioner with greater powers to discipline or even fire people who give the force a bad name.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews says there is too much red tape in the current process for weeding out wrongdoers.

"There's no doubt that changes are needed," he told a news conference, flanked by RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson.

"The RCMP Act has not been significantly amended for over 25 years."

Toews announced proposed changes Wednesday, intended to untie Paulson's hands as he looks into complaints.

Several female RCMP officers have come forward since Cpl. Catherine Galliford went public in November with allegations of harassment within the force in British Columbia.

Men have also complained of abusive behaviour and intimidation.

Paulson, who took over as commissioner late last year, says ridding the force of dark-hearted behaviour is one of his priorities.

He recently expressed frustration about the bureaucratic barriers to doing so.

The legislation introduced Wednesday — as the House of Commons prepared to rise for the summer — also includes measures to modernize the watchdog that handles public complaints about the RCMP and enhance transparency when Mounties themselves are under police investigation.

Toews said the RCMP's current disciplinary procedures are outdated and inefficient.

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Immigration law

Legislation curbs deportation appeals

New legislation introduced Wednesday by the Conservative government gives greater powers to the immigration and public safety ministers to determine who gets to come and stay in Canada. The Faster Removal of Foreign Criminals Act seeks to cut off avenues for convicted criminals to appeal their deportation.

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Report leaked

PM's security detail thrust into spotlight

RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson decried Wednesday the leak of an internal report that raised concerns about the prime minister's security detail, calling it "unlawful."

And Paulson also conceded it might boil down to a case of payback against the officer in charge of the unit.

The leak of the manage-

ment report to Radio-Canada this week thrust a normally low-profile unit into the spotlight. Members of the prime minister's office past and present sprung to the defence of Supt. Bruno Saccomani, saying he had actually brought improvements to the unit.

The management review included interviews with 41 per cent of the 116-member unit, and said a majority of members reported problems with their boss, including intimidation and favouritism. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Thailand deaths

Bodies of Canadian sisters released

The bodies of two Canadian sisters who died in Thailand are expected to arrive home Thursday, a relative said.

Their uncle said that because preliminary autopsies have already been completed, Thai medical authorities have agreed to release the bodies of Audrey and Noemi Belanger, who died under mysterious circumstances.

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New Greek PM to uphold euro bailout commitments



Greece's newly sworn-in Prime Minister Antonis Samaras, centre, waves to supporters in Athens on Wednesday. KOSTAS TSIRONIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New government for Greece. Conservative party chief sworn in as prime minister leading a three-party coalition

Greek conservative party head Antonis Samaras was sworn in as prime minister Wednesday at the helm of a three-party coalition that will uphold the country's international bailout commitments.

The move ends a protracted political crisis that had cast grave doubt over the country's future in Europe's joint currency and threatened to plunge the continent deeper into a financial crisis with global repercussions.

But the new government still has massive challenges

ahead: It must deliver on pledges by its predecessors to generate huge new savings, privatize publicly owned companies and real estate, cut about 150,000 civil service jobs in coming years and open restricted professions to competition.

Samaras, a U.S.-educated 61-year-old economist, was sworn in three days after his New Democracy party won the second national elections in six weeks but without enough votes to form a government on its own. He is Greece's fourth prime minister in eight months.

The conservatives will join forces with the socialist PASOK party, which came in third place, and the smaller Democratic Left led by Fotis Kouvelis. Discussions on the lineup of ministers were to be completed by Wednesday.

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Fraud allegations. Delay in announcing winner of Egyptian election

Egyptian election officials delayed the announcement of the winner of Egypt's presidential election, which had been expected Thursday, and gave no date for a decision, hiking tension as allegations of fraud swirled and each candidate declared he was the victor.

Amid the atmosphere of political confusion, the Muslim Brotherhood claimed there was an organized campaign of allegations against it to mar the election and keep its candidate, Mohammed

Morsi, out of the presidency. The accusation raises temperatures and the possibility of a backlash from the Brotherhood if its rival — former prime minister Ahmed Shafiq — is declared the winner.

On top of the potentially explosive dispute over the election is murkiness over the latest health scare of the 84-year-old former dictator Hosni Mubarak. State media reported that he suffered a stroke. Mubarak was ousted last year and is now in jail.

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Wildfire

Greek firefighter dies battling blaze in an air force base

A Greek firefighter died Wednesday while helping to battle a large wildfire inside an air force base west of Athens, authorities say.

A fire department statement said the 28-year-old felt unwell and was rushed to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Greek air force spokes-

man Constantinos Grapsas said the blaze is not endangering installations at the Elefsina base — primarily used by firefighting and transport planes.

Grapsas said 40 fire engines, seven water-dropping aircraft, one helicopter and 160 firefighters are battling the blaze.

Meanwhile, two firefighters were hospitalized after being injured while battling a separate fire in Salamis, an island off the southern port of Piraeus.

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Suicide bombing

Three U.S. troops and 15 Afghan civilians killed

Pentagon officials say as many as three U.S. troops and 15 Afghans may have been killed in a suicide bombing in eastern Afghanistan.

Officials spoke on condition of anonymity Wednesday because details of the incident were sketchy and the officials weren't

authorized to talk about it publicly.

Early reports from Afghans said a car packed with explosives rammed into vehicles in an international military convoy.

But U.S. Defence Department officials say it's not clear whether it was a convoy.

A suicide vest is suspected to have been used.

While the Americans believed killed were all military, U.S. officials say the Afghans were security and civilian. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Do Not Kill registry mocks U.S. drone-strikes list

In the crosshairs.

Website creator raises questions about U.S. foreign policy and human-rights abuses

How do you ensure your name doesn't mistakenly land on U.S. President Barack Obama's list of people to be captured or killed by a drone strike? Add yourself

to the Do Not Kill registry, of course.

As controversy over Obama's recently exposed official "kill list" and expanding drone program spreads, a satirical website has launched a registry to "help(s) give people around the world the peace of mind urgently needed during these times of escalating drone conflict."

The "National Agency for Ethical Drone-Human Inter-

actions," identified on the website as the group behind the initiative, launched the Do Not Kill registry as a way to "avoid accidental casualties in our mission to make the world a safe place for Democracy and Free Enterprise."

The registry does not guarantee your safety, however, only that an "additional review process will be undertaken before you are labeled an enemy militant and added

to the national kill list," according to the site.

Yes, it's a spoof.

But Ian Alan Paul, the 27-year-old University of California PhD student behind the website, said he hoped the site would highlight the controversial use of military drones in warfare — what he called an "egregious violation of human dignity and rights."

A New York Times exposé published in late May



An unmanned U.S. Predator drone flies over Kandahar Air Field, southern Afghanistan. KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

revealed that Obama personally presides over "kill lists," evaluating targets and ap-

proving strikes, in his country's drone war on terrorist groups. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Op. Fast and Furious

Invoking executive privilege, Obama prevents disclosure

President Barack Obama for the first time Wednesday invoked executive privilege to withhold documents from a congressional investigation into a botched U.S. gun-smuggling probe that Republicans have used to attack his administration as the November election approaches.

The decision came as a House of Representatives committee was poised to vote on whether to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt of Congress for failing to turn over more Justice Department files.

The committee wants documents that explain how the department learned of problems with the Operation Fast and Furious probe along the Mexican border. But Obama decided to withhold them.

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Cape Canaveral

Top-secret satellite launched in Florida

The Air Force has launched a rocket from Cape Canaveral, Fla., carrying a top-secret satellite for the United States.

The unmanned Atlas V rocket lifted off Wednesday morning. On board was a satellite belonging to the National Reconnaissance Office.

The NROL-38 satellite is the first of three critical missions scheduled to launch within the next two months.

A launch attempt Monday failed and was delayed two days following replacement of an environmental-control-system duct that failed near its connection to a mobile-launch platform.

For security reasons, officials refused to provide any further details of the satellite, its mission or whether it reached orbit.

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When East meets West

Prince Charles receives His Holiness the Dalai Lama at Clarence House on Wednesday in London. The exiled Buddhist Tibetan leader is taking part in a weeklong tour of the United Kingdom.

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Sticking up for environment a deadly practice

Report. Killings of environmentalists appear to be rising as conflict over shrinking resources intensifies

The eulogies called Chut Wutty one of the few remaining brave enough to fight massive illegal deforestation by the powerful. The environ-

mental watchdog was shot by a military policeman in April as he probed logging operations in one of the country's last great forests.

Nisio Gomes was the chief of a Brazilian tribe struggling to protect its land from ranchers. Masked men gunned him down in November. His body, quickly dragged into a pickup, has not been seen since.

Around the world, sticking up for the environment can be deadly, and it appears

By the numbers

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Killings have occurred in at least 34 countries, from Brazil to Egypt, and in both developing and developed nations, according to an Associated Press review of data and interviews.

to be getting deadlier.

People who track killings of activists say the numbers have risen dramatically in the last three years.

Improved reporting may

be one reason, they caution, but they also believe the rising death toll is a consequence of intensifying battles over dwindling supplies of natural resources, particular-

ly in Latin America and Asia.

A report released Tuesday by the London-based Global Witness said more than 700 people — more than one a week — died in the decade ending 2011 “defending their human rights or the rights of others related to the environment, specifically land and forests.”

They were killed, the environmental investigation group says, during protests or investigations into min-

ing, logging, intensive agriculture, hydropower dams, urban development and wildlife poaching.

The death toll reached 96 in 2010 and 106 last year, said the report, which was released as world leaders gathered in Rio de Janeiro for a conference on sustainable development.

The report's annual totals for the six prior years range from 37 in 2004 to 64 in 2008.

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A long-awaited honour

Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, centre, looks up as she arrives in a procession at an award ceremony at Oxford University in England on Wednesday. The leader of Myanmar's opposition was honoured at the university's Encaenia ceremony, where honorary degrees are presented to distinguished people. Suu Kyi, who is making her first visits outside of her native country in 24 years, was awarded the honorary doctorate in civil law in 1993, but was unable to collect it because she was under house arrest in Myanmar. **LEFTERIS PITARAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

1996 killing. Former butcher executed for murder in Mississippi

Mississippi has executed a former grocery-store butcher for dismembering a man and raping a woman he locked in a metal box.

Authorities say 49-year-old Gary Carl Simmons Jr. was pronounced dead at 6:16 p.m. Wednesday. He was convicted of the Aug. 12, 1996, killing of Jeffery Wolfe, who was shot, dismembered and his body parts scattered in a bayou.

Simmons also was con-

victed of kidnapping and raping Wolfe's female friend and sentenced to two life terms on those charges. He was the sixth Mississippi inmate executed this year.

Simmons' former brother-in-law, Timothy Milano, also was convicted of killing Wolfe, who drove to Mississippi from Houston with the woman to collect a drug debt. Milano received a life sentence.

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Archaeologists find rare mammoth field in Serbia

Digging it. Pit can help shed light on what life was like in the Balkans during the ice age

Long stretch

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Miomir Korac said the mammoth field stretches over some 20 acres of sandy terrain.

First there was one. Then another. And another.

Archaeologists in Serbia say they have discovered a rare mammoth field containing the remains of at least five of the giant beasts that lived here tens of thousands of years ago.

The discovery last week at the Kostolac coal mine, east of the Serbian capital of Belgrade, is the first of its kind in the region. It could offer important insight into the ice age in the Balkans, said Miomir Korac, from Serbia's Archaeology Institute.

"There are millions of mammoth fragments in the world, but they are rarely so accessible for exploration," he told The Associated Press.

"A mammoth field can offer incredible information ... on what life looked like in these areas during the ice age."

The remains were found during coal excavation about 20 metres below ground.

In 2009, a well-preserved skeleton of a much older mammoth was found at the same site. Vika — as the female skeleton was dubbed — is up to one million years old and belonged to the largely furless, so-called southern mammoth.

The bones discovered last month likely belong to the so-called woolly mammoth, which disappeared some 10,000 years ago, said Sanja Alaburic, a mammoth expert from Serbia's Museum of Natural History.

Alaburic explained that "this discovery is interesting because, unusually, there are many bones in one place," probably brought there by torrential waters.

Korac said Serbian archae-



In this photo taken Tuesday, Miomir Korac, director of the Viminacium archaeological park, left, works on a mammoth tusk at a coal mine with other archaeologists in Kostolac, Serbia, 80 kilometres east of Belgrade. MARKO DROBNJAKOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ologists already have contacted colleagues in France and Germany for consultation.

He said at least six months of work will be needed before

all the bones are unearthed.

Another mammoth skeleton was discovered in northern Serbia in 1996. It belonged to a female mammoth

that lived about 500,000 years ago and is now on display in the town of Kikinda, near the Hungarian border.

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Kayakers' discovery

Home may be floating among tsunami debris

Kayakers exploring remote beaches of Washington state for debris from last year's Japan tsunami say they believe they have found part of a house, along with pieces of a washing machine, laundry hamper and child's toilet bowl. Three kayakers with the Ikkatu Project wrote in a report this week that they found the remnants June 12, about 193 kilometres west of Seattle. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Illegal dig

Italians to get back ancient jug

The Toledo Museum of Art says it will return an ancient water jug to Italy that investigators believe was probably illegally dug up from that country years ago. The 2,500-year-old water vessel, or kalpis, has been on display at the Ohio museum since 1982, when it was purchased from an antiquities dealer in Switzerland.

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Chinese dissident kept away from court

Intimidation campaign.

Outspoken artist Ai Weiwei can't attend hearing on his lawsuit against tax authorities

Police barred artist Ai Weiwei from a hearing on his company's lawsuit against Beijing tax authorities and blocked filming at the courthouse Wednesday

as part of an intimidation campaign against the outspoken government critic.

Ai told reporters that police had ordered him to stay away from the court, and that he complied.

Chinese authorities detained Ai for three months last year and his design company was ordered to pay about \$2.4 million worth of back taxes and fines, in a penalty interpreted by activists as punishment for

his criticism of the authoritarian government.

The company has appealed the fine and separately filed a lawsuit that accuses the tax bureau of violating laws in handling witnesses, evidence and company accounts in the case. To the surprise of many, the lawsuit was accepted.

Ai's wife, Lu Qing, who is the legal representative of his design company, attended the hearing. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

The artist

- Ai Weiwei is a sculptor, photographer and installation artist who has increasingly used his art and online profile to draw attention to injustices in Chinese society and the need for greater transparency and rule of law.



Ai Weiwei, second from left, is stopped by a plainclothes policeman while he argues with another policeman, foreground, outside his home in Beijing on Wednesday. **ANDY WONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Bahrain. Boy, 11, remains behind bars over charges of joining illegal gathering

A Bahrain court on Wednesday delayed a verdict in the case of an 11-year-old boy accused of taking part in anti-government protests. The new date for a ruling is July 5.

The sixth-grade student, who was in court alongside his father, spent a month behind bars and took his final school exams there. The boy, Ali Hasan, faces charges of joining an illegal gathering and other claims related to the unrest in the troubled Gulf nation. Defence lawyer Shahzalan Khamis has asked the court to drop the charges.

The boy is one of the young suspects detained in crackdowns on protests led by Bahrain's Shiite majority, which seeks a greater political voice from the ruling Sunni dynasty.

The government on Wednesday defended its handling of the Hasan case. It said an investigation concluded the youngster was arrested for blocking a road in June and was held in police custody for only six hours. He was in juvenile detention for the next month.



A man rides his bicycle past a row of burning tires set by Bahraini anti-government protesters Thursday in the eastern island of Sitra, Bahrain. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

It also insisted there has been no "intentional focus" to arrest children in the anti-government protests. The government statement said the numbers of children in its juvenile detention centre has averaged around 15 since the beginning of the year. It said in most cases, children remain there only for several weeks, with the most serious offenders staying for a year. More than 50 people have died in Bahrain's upheavals since February 2011.

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Debt dispute

U.S. businessman trapped in China

A Missouri man involved in a business dispute has been stuck in China for five months after the Chinese government refused to let him leave.

The Chinese government forced Steve Fleischli of Labadie, Mo., to surrender his passport in a dispute over his company's unpaid debt to Chinese firms. Complicating matters is that he has lost his job since going to China on business in January. The State Department declined comment on his case, but its website says there is little it can do to intervene on behalf of Americans in situations like Fleischli's, which can take years to resolve.

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But they told me to!

Man sentenced for killing 2 priests

A Colombian judge has sentenced a man to more than 40 years in prison for murdering two Bogota priests who allegedly paid him to end their lives.

Gilberto Penate had confessed to shooting to death Roman Catholic Revs. Rafael Reatega and Richard Piffano in early 2011 and making it appear like a robbery. Prosecutors say Reatega was suffering from AIDS and syphilis and prosecutors determined that the priests had paid Penate and another gunman \$8,400 US to kill them. Penate said when he met with Reatega to discuss arrangements for the killings, the priest was in distress. Prosecutors said Reatega had been seen in gay bars. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Luka Rocco Magnotta is taken by police from a Canadian military plane to a waiting van on Monday in Mirabel, Que.
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Luka Magnotta is well known, but who is Eric Newman?

Less chronicled. After his not guilty plea Tuesday, Magnotta is in the spotlight he apparently desired

The world knows Luka Rocco Magnotta all too well.

His exploits, whether real or imagined, whether alleged by police or conjured up in his own mind, have been detailed by media outlets around the globe.

It appears the 29-year-old man accused of killing, dismembering and partially cannibalizing a Montreal university student wanted it that way.

Magnotta appeared to live much of his life online, using the Internet to cultivate a

Dozens of profiles

- Born Eric Clinton Newman on July 24, 1982, Magnotta shed his original identity with a name change in 2006.
- He has also gone by the aliases Vladimir Romanov and Jimmy, set up dozens of online user-names and maintained 70 Facebook pages and 20 websites, police said.
- A 1,200-word post by a Vladimir Romanov on a Psych Central 'I hate my mother' forum rants and rails against the poster's mom.

dark and twisted, yet sexual image.

It's an image that's likely here to stay now that he has been whisked back to Canada on charges including first-degree murder, defiling a corpse, and harassing Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

His pre-Magnotta life is far less chronicled online, but, perhaps unsurprisingly, he did seem to leave some clues.

Before he was accused of killing 33-year-old Jun Lin, suspected of posting video of the aftermath online and mailing body parts to political parties and schools, before a rumour surfaced that he dated Karla Homolka — a rumour many believe he started — and before a video was posted on YouTube showing a man suspected to be Magnotta killing kittens, he was just Eric Newman.

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U.S. woman convicted of directing husband's death

A U.S. woman was found guilty Wednesday of orchestrating the killings of her millionaire husband and his mother in a grab for the family estate.

A federal jury convicted Ecuador-born Nancy Novack on counts alleging she caused the 2009 beatings of Ben Novack Jr. in a New York City hotel room and Bernice Novack at her Florida home.

Ben Novack Jr.'s father built the storied Fontainebleau hotel in Miami Beach, a celebrity hangout in the 1950s and 60s that appeared in the movies Scarface and Goldfinger.

Novack and her brother, Ecuador-born Cristobal Veliz,

both were convicted of charges including racketeering, domestic violence, stalking, money laundering and witness tampering.

Both were acquitted of the charge of murder in aid of racketeering, which would have carried a mandatory life sentence. They still face sentences of up to life in prison. Sentencing is set for Nov. 1.

Prosecutors said Novack and Veliz were motivated by "jealousy, retribution and greed" when they hired the Miami thugs who carried out the killings. They said Novack feared that her husband, who was having an affair, would



Nancy Novack THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

divorce her and that a prenuptial agreement would bar her from the multimillion-dollar family estate.

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Experts question science behind 9-11 cancer fund

Fallout. Influx of new beneficiaries could lessen payouts for victims suffering from asthma, lung disease

Call it compassionate, even political. But ... scientific? Several experts say there's no hard evidence to support the U.S. federal government's declaration this month that 50 kinds of cancer could be

caused by exposure to World Trade Center dust.

The decision could help hundreds of people get payouts from a multibillion-dollar World Trade Center health fund to repay those ailing after they breathed in toxic dust created by the collapsing twin towers in New York on Sept. 11, 2001.

Many workers laboured in the ash wearing only flimsy paper masks, and went home coughing up black phlegm with some still experiencing

Reaction

"To imagine there is strong evidence about any cancer resulting from 9-11 is naive..."

Biostatistics professor Donald Berry of Texas MD Cancer Center in Houston
On the validity of new federal funding for 9-11 victims suffering from cancer

mild respiratory problems years later.

But scientists say there is little research to prove that

exposure to the toxic dust plume caused even one kind of cancer. And many acknowledge the payouts to cancer patients could take money away from those suffering from illnesses more definitively linked to Sept. 11, like asthma and some types of lung disease.

Yet this month, Dr. John Howard, who heads the federal agency that researches workplace illnesses, added scores of common and rare cancers to a list that had

previously included just 12 ailments caused by dust exposure.

Lung, skin, breast and thyroid cancer were among those added; of the most common types of cancer, only prostate cancer was excluded.

Several factors about the decision by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health raised eyebrows in the scientific community.

Even lawyers for the first responders were stunned: They had expected to see only certain blood and respiratory cancers put on the list.

In late 2010, Congress set up two programs for anyone exposed to the rubble, smoke and dust at ground zero: res-



Reggie Hilaire of the NYPD developed cancer in the years following his job searching for human remains from ground zero.
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cue and cleanup workers and others who worked or lived in the area. Cancer was initially excluded, but Congress ordered periodic reviews based on the latest scientific evidence. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

A mammoth move

Status of Toronto Zoo elephants still up in the air

Toronto Zoo staff finally got a look Wednesday at some records that had held up the transfer of three elephants to a U.S. sanctuary.

But it's unclear when — or even if — zoo officials will sign off on the plan, which has the support of city council.

Arrangements for the move came to a halt this spring when the PAWS facility would not turn over medical records for its animals. Both sides met

Wednesday to review the documents, but the group representing PAWS in Toronto says the decision won't come just yet.

Even if the plan is approved, Julie Woodyer of Zoocheck Canada says the elephants can't be moved until late summer because of scheduling issues.

Woodyer says there is only one plane in the world that is both large enough to hold the elephants and manned by people with experience in moving live animals.

Animal activist Bob Barker has promised to pay \$880,000 for a plane to fly the elephants to their new home. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Separating conjoined twins

Indian mother Maya Yadav holds her one-year-old conjoined twin daughters Stuti and Aradhna at the Mission hospital in Betul district of Madhya Pradesh, India, on Wednesday. A team of 34 medical experts from India and abroad have begun the surgical procedure to separate the twins, according to local news reports.

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RIM shares down as job cuts start in bid to save \$1B

Research in Motion.

Analyst estimates BlackBerry maker could cut 3,000 employees — after 2,000 cuts last year

BlackBerry-maker Research in Motion Ltd. has begun the grim task of cutting jobs in a bid to save \$1 billion as part of a plan to right the company as it races to bring its new models to market later this year.

The company said Wednesday that it's looking for at least \$1 billion in savings by the end of its 2013 financial year and job cuts are part of that plan.

RIM — which did not provide specific numbers regarding the cuts — is expected to provide a business update

Offices

In addition to its main base in Waterloo, Ont., RIM also has a customer-service centre in Halifax that services users in Canada, the U.S. and South America.

- Other smaller offices are based in Mississauga, Ont., and Ottawa where they have been combined with staff of QNX Software Systems, the company that designed the operating system behind the PlayBook and the next generation of BlackBerry devices.

when it reports its first-quarter results on June 28.

Wedbush Securities analyst Scott Sutherland estimated that RIM could cut as many as 3,000 employees

in its bid to reduce costs, which would top last year's cut of around 2,000.

"I think RIM is finally making the hard decisions," he said.

"It is a tough time for them, but they need to ensure profitability, speed to market, and get these new devices out."

Sutherland said much is riding on a new line of BlackBerry phones powered by the BlackBerry 10 operating system, which are expected later this year.

Advance estimates on how many jobs would be lost ranged wildly from 2,000, or about 12 per cent of the workforce, to 5,000, or about 30 per cent.

Last July, RIM laid off about 11 per cent of its workforce, or 2,000 employees, marking the biggest employee reduction in its history.

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Burger King goes public, again

Burger King Corp. CEO Bernardo Hees, right, talks with specialist Donald Himpele on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday after the world's No. 2 hamburger chain began trading as a public company again under the ticker symbol "BKW." The Miami-based chain had last traded as a public company between 2006 and 2010, before it was purchased and taken private by investment firm 3G Capital. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. Federal Reserve

Fed extends 'Twist' program with \$267B

The U.S. Federal Reserve acted Wednesday to lift an economy held back by a weakened job market, extending a program designed to spur borrowing and spending through lower long-term U.S. interest rates.

The Fed also sharply lowered its outlook for U.S. growth. It now thinks the economy will grow no more than 2.4 per cent this year. That compares with its forecast in April that the economy could grow up to 2.9 per cent. And it thinks the unemployment rate, now 8.2 per cent, won't fall much further in 2012.

After a two-day meeting, the Fed said in a statement that it will continue a program called Operation Twist through year's end.

Under the program, the Fed has been selling \$400 billion US in short-term Treasuries since September and buying longer-term Treasuries. It said it will extend the program through December using \$267 billion in securities.

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Economy. Momentum to slow, forecasts project

New private-sector forecasts see Canada's economy struggling to maintain momentum in the next two years, held back by weak job growth and vulnerable to both external and internal shocks.

Under this scenario, the CIBC says Canadians will likely be able to take advantage of historically low interest rates into 2014. But the Bank of Canada need not be overly worried about households continuing to pile on debt as a result of generous loan conditions, it added to its latest economic

report released Wednesday, which noted that credit growth continues to slow even with today's low interest rates.

The two forecasts — from CIBC and Capital Economics — both project the Canadian economy will register the lowest annual growth rates since the recession in the next two years. CIBC says growth will average 2.1 per cent in both 2012 and 2013, whereas Capital Economics expects an even slower pace, at two per cent in 2012 and 1.5 per cent in 2013.

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StatsCan. 5.8 people jobless for every vacancy

Statistics Canada says there was an average of 248,000 job vacancies in the country in three-month period ended in March, up 19,000 from the same period in 2011.

However, it says there were just 5.8 unemployed people for every vacancy, down from 6.5 in March 2011. The agency says the decline in the ratio of unemployment to job vacancies was a result of both the increase in vacancies and a decline in the number of unemployed people. The ratios in Ontario and Quebec were

Unemployed

8.3

The construction sector had the biggest decline in the unemployment-to-job vacancies ratio, with 8.3 unemployed people for every vacant job in the quarter ending in March, down from 14.4 in the same period a year earlier.

also little changed at 7.6 and 7.2 respectively, while Alberta had the lowest ratio, with 1.8 people out of work for every job vacancy. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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FROM: Conservative party headquarters
TO: All MPs
SUBJECT: Email etiquette
Dear MPs,

As you've probably heard, we had an email faux pas this week when the immigration minister hit "reply all" on an email, making this the most open and transparent this government has ever been.

Jason Kenney meant to call Alberta's deputy premier a "complete and utter Albertan" but — wouldn't you know it? — auto-correct or spell-check or some darn thing changed it to a different A-word. I won't say which one, but let's just say it's not as clean as the oilsands (officially).

While as a Canadian majority government we can technically do whatever we want, it's important to remember some of the basic rules of email etiquette to better facilitate relationships and to make our day-to-day jobs easier.

The basics:

- Always use a pleasant greeting and closing. If you are a federal minister, try to steer clear of the A-bomb.
- Address your contact with the proper level of formality. If they are the deputy premier of a major province, go with "Mr. Jerkface."
- Writing in all caps, adding italics or writing "!!!" does not make your point any more forceful. However, if you *DO ALL THREE???* I think the impact speaks for itself.

Spam and scam:

- Be wary of spam, especially emails that seem out of character for the sender. Porn links from the Saudi family, for instance, are almost certainly spam unless it's from Deputy Minister of Defence Khalid bin Sultan. Dude is off the hook.
- Make sure you're not accidentally deleting emails from the Spam-meat headquarters in Burlington, Ont. Once, we didn't reply to their emails for months and we missed a picnic invite.
- It's unacceptable to send corny or tasteless jokes in weird fonts and tell people to pass it on. That's what Facebook is for.

International relations:

- Always respond promptly to Nigerian princes. They're royalty, for goodness sake, and they need your help.
- Done properly, a nod to an foreign associate's culture can be well received. (E.g., "Congratulations on your son's marriage. UOL!" The UOL stands for ululating out loud.)
- "Please!" and "Thank you!" go a long way when lecturing other countries about how to run their economies.
- Finally, remember that even the tensest diplomatic exchange can be livened up with Comic Sans.

Hopefully this brief refresher course helped! Please forward this to five other people in your office by midnight or you will never find true love.

Also, if you have anything to say about Kenney, please hit "reply to sender" only.

Many thanks,
Conservative Party of Canada



Minister of Immigration Jason Kenney has apologized to Alberta Deputy Premier Thomas Lukaszuk for his comment. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Germany — the missing piece



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Russia-Germany

Putting the puzzle together

People put together a jigsaw puzzle of a self-portrait of German artist Albrecht Durer in front of the state historical museum and a monument to Soviet-era Marshal Georgy Zhukov in Manezh Square outside the Kremlin in Moscow on Wednesday. The 300-square-metre puzzle is being set up on the occasion of the German Year in Russia.

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Celebration

- The joint exhibition Germans and Russians — 1,000 Years of History, Art, and Culture, is the highlight of the opening of the German Year in Russia.
- On the German side, the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation is in charge of the exhibition, which will be shown at the Neues Museum in Berlin starting in October in connection with the beginning of the Russia Year in Germany.

Countries collaborating

"The projects, which have been jointly conceived by Russian and German partners, place a high value on co-operation and exchange."

Minister of State Cornelia Pieper, in a statement regarding the collaboration between Germany and Russia.

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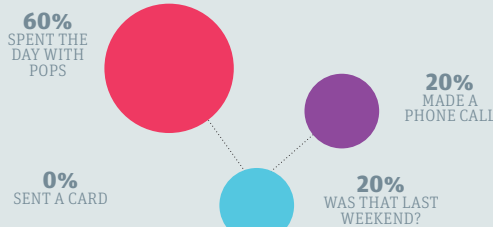
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This year's German Year programming is funded with 3.6 million euros (\$4.7 million) from public funds.



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@MsJillss:

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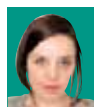
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Singer-songwriter Leanne Goose hails from Inuvik, N.W.T., and brings her unique brand of blues, country and roots music to the Summer Solstice Aboriginal Arts Festival this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Enter the Aboriginal summer solstice

Arts festival. The free four-day event includes interactive exhibits and family-friendly activities



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The Summer Solstice Aboriginal Arts Festival aims to share Aboriginal culture with all people in the Ottawa area, but the festival's executive director says she thinks some

non-aboriginal people are under the mistaken impression they can't go.

"I think people hear Pow Wow and Aboriginal Arts Festival and they feel it's just for our community," says Trina Mather-Simard, executive director of the Summer Solstice Aboriginal Arts Festival. "But, it's really an opportunity for our community to welcome in and share more with our neighbours here in Ottawa. Absolutely everyone is welcome."

This free, four-day festival includes an Aboriginal artisan village, interactive exhibits and tons of family-friendly activities.

One of the highlights of

Festival

What you need to know about Summer Solstice Aboriginal Arts Festival

- **When:** Thursday through Sunday
- **Where:** Vincent Massey Park (Heron Rd. at Riverside Dr.)
- **Price:** Free (donations accepted)

the festival is the 2nd Annual Competition Pow Wow, an international drum and dance contest, featuring

Grammy-nominated Ojibwe drum group Bear Creek. With over \$65,000 in prize money up for grabs, organizers expect, much like last year, the Competition Pow Wow will draw high-calibre talent from all over.

"Our first competition, it attracted some of the very best singers and dancers from across the northern U.S., Winnipeg, straight to the east in Halifax and also across Ontario," says Mather-Simard.

There will be plenty of live music, including performances by Ottawa's own Amanda Rheume, as well as Donny Parenteau and Leanne Goose, who says she sings to share her experiences grow-

ing up in the Western Arctic.

"My father was a single parent and I spent a lot of time with my grandparents living on the land. Those early years taught me how to survive using our traditional ways. I didn't know it was those teachings that easily translated into surviving as a musician — instincts, resourcefulness and respect," explains Goose.

"I sing because I love it, I write to tell my stories. I'm here to share if for no other purpose," she says.

That message of sharing is exactly what Mather-Simard says she is hoping to achieve with the Summer Solstice Aboriginal Arts Festival.

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Scene in brief

Mulroney says Good Morning

One of Canada's best-known TV personalities is joining the weekend edition of Good Morning America. ABC says Ben Mulroney will begin appearing on the New York-based series this Saturday. That's in addition to his ongoing role as co-anchor of CTV's entertainment show eTalk. The job follows Mulroney's two recent appearances as co-host of the morning talk show Live! with Kelly Ripa. Those stints marked Mulroney's first broadcasting gigs in front of a U.S. audience. In a release, ABC News president Ben Sherwood calls Mulroney "a terrific broadcaster" who is "quick on his feet and excels at live television."

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Q & A. Rapper turned actor Ice-T makes his directorial debut in *Something from Nothing: The Art of Rap*

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Hip-hop is reaching an age where more and more of its most high-profile practitioners never knew a time when it did not exist. That's one of the reasons that Ice-T felt compelled to make *Something from Nothing: The Art of Rap*.

For his directorial debut, which opened in select markets last Friday, he rounded up 38 rap legends to document an oral history of the genre's birth and growth. Through this method he unveils the creative process of an art form that is not often enough given the cultural credit it deserves.

"This film isn't about the money, the cars, the jewelry, the girls," he says at the beginning of the movie. "This film is about the craft, what it takes to write a rap, what goes on inside the heads of the masters."

It feels like this movie couldn't have been made at any other time. Most of the originators are still alive and vibrant, but they're not so entrenched in the game that they're above being nostalgic.

When you get to the point where hip-hop is old enough that people can look back at it and reflect, it's much better than catching it in the moment, because when you catch an artist in the moment, there's no mistakes.



Ice-T wants to show the importance of lyricism in rap through his new documentary. DAVID GOLDMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Everything is right, everything is on point, there's no weakness. I think that when you get older you've been through it, you have humility and you can laugh at it. At the end of the movie, you see all of the R.I.P.s we put on there. ... This has been around long enough that we've lost many, many rappers. I wanted to catch this now.

It seems now like we're seeing the emergence of the first MCs to be born into hip-hop, whereas all of the people in the movie saw the beginning of it.

Yeah, and you know there will be a Part Two (to this movie). I don't know if I'll do it. The next generation will write their legacy down. It wasn't time for me to go out and really start the movie with the new artists.

I have to start it where I started, and my trek was that I was an L.A. rapper and I moved to New York and New York kind of put me in the game, and they told me that this requires skills. They also taught me you've got to respect it.

They said, 'If we're going to let you into hip-hop and we're going to give you the co-sign, Ice-T, never turn your back on it, never disrespect this, because this is something that's serious.' I try to do this with the film.

The film does have a serious and reverential tone, but there are also times when you're laughing at yourself, reminiscing about even the name of your first crew, which I'll have to remind readers was called the Eliminators Pimpin' As-

sociation.

(Laughs) The funny thing about that is that us — me and Lord Jama — were naming off who we were before you ever heard of Ice-T. I was saying those rhymes before I even knew about rap, we were just the Eliminators Pimpin' Association, trying to talk some s---, and he was Kid Magic.

Do you have a lot of old rhymes that you're able to laugh at?

The rhymes I used to say, I would say them for the gang members, and it was like a form of what they called toasting back in the day. You say a rhyme and they would be entertained, and there was no music. And when I first heard the music, I was like, 'I can do that! I'm already doing that!'

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Hollywood producers grease their odds of success by spreading the star power on thick, adding a smattering of CGI and sticking with refried franchise reboots, saucy sequels and piquant prequels. The seasoning they choose may change from year to year, but the zing of choice remains habanero-pepper-hot babes.

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Emma Stone, The Amazing Spider-Man

Despite the inherent creepiness of Jim Carrey's infamous video valentine to Stone, his sordid soliloquy is still endemic of the hormonal effect this raspy-voiced firecracker summons up: "I just wanted to let you know that I think you're all the way beautiful. Not just pretty, but, you know, smart and kind-hearted. And if I were a lot younger, I would marry you, and we would have chubby little freckled faced kids. We'd laugh all day long."



Kate Beckinsale, Total Recall

At times it's hard to tell who has a bigger crush on this gorgeous Brit: the Underworld fanboys who lapped up all four iterations of the vampires vs werewolves race war or Hollywood hotshots. With Beckinsale by his side in a fetching white strapless number at the 2012 Golden Globes while presenting an award, comedian Seth Rogen couldn't help himself. "Hello, I'm Seth Rogen, and I'm currently trying to conceal a massive erection," he quipped, clearly not reading off the teleprompter.



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Anne Hathaway, The Dark Knight Rises

After catapulting into the spotlight with the Princess Diaries series, the fresh-faced ingenue eventually shed her Disney training wheels and navigated toward more mature and complex characters in Brokeback Mountain and Love and Other Drugs. Hathaway is bound to get the temperature rising when she fills out the figure-hugging Catwoman suit, taking the torch from Halle Berry, Michelle Pfeiffer and all the other smoldering actresses that have caught a bad case of cat scratch fever in Gotham City.



Nikolette Noel, The Expendables 2

When a film has more testosterone than a cellblock at San Quentin you need a lights-out looker to represent womankind. This time out, we lose Mickey Rourke and Steve Austin, but alongside Stallone, Statham, Li, Lundgren, Couture and company are Schwarzenegger and Willis in full-on roles, and Chuck Norris and Jean Claude Van Damme. The daughter of a Hungarian model, this is Noel's highest profile role to date. She plays wife to Liam Hemsworth and no doubt will draw the eye of every other dude.



7 babes of summer

Mila Kunis, Ted

Mila's it-girl factor has risen meteorically since her days on That 70s Show. Recent risqué roles in Black Swan and Friends with Benefits catapulted her into the Top 10 rankings on practically every "Sexiest Women on the Planet" list in the last couple years. Yet becoming one of the most desired leading ladies in the business has not messed with her head. Last July, a sergeant stationed in Afghanistan made a video asking her out on a date to a Marine Corps Ball with him, and Kunis took him up on the offer.



Rihanna, Battleship

The green-eyed songstress is a remarkably appropriate choice for this \$200 million reimagining of the naval war game Milton Bradley originally conceived in 1931. Whenever the need arises the Barbadian beauty can always open her Umbrella to shield herself from an incoming plastic peg. And if the aliens sink her team's submarine (What? You thought the movie would just be Liam Neeson making googly eyes at Rihanna across the deck?), she can just belt out of Man Down. Unlike her racy 2010 album Rated R, this flick is PG-13, but with Rihanna and Brooklyn Decker aboard, this ship could float a little longer than the Bismarck.



Scarlett Johansson, The Avengers

You'd think with Thor, Captain America, Iron Man, the Hulk, and Nick Fury et al jockeying for screen time the Black Widow would get short thrift. But hey, just because Black Widow's

superpowers are pretty puny when compared to her fellow Avengers, nobody tosses Scar-Jo in a corner. One of the most memorable scenes in the flick is Johansson bound to a chair surrounded by a trio of baddies whom she confidently dispatch-

es in stunning fashion. Whether she's zipping into a leather suit or decked out in S.H.I.E.L.D casual, her curves are always set to stun.

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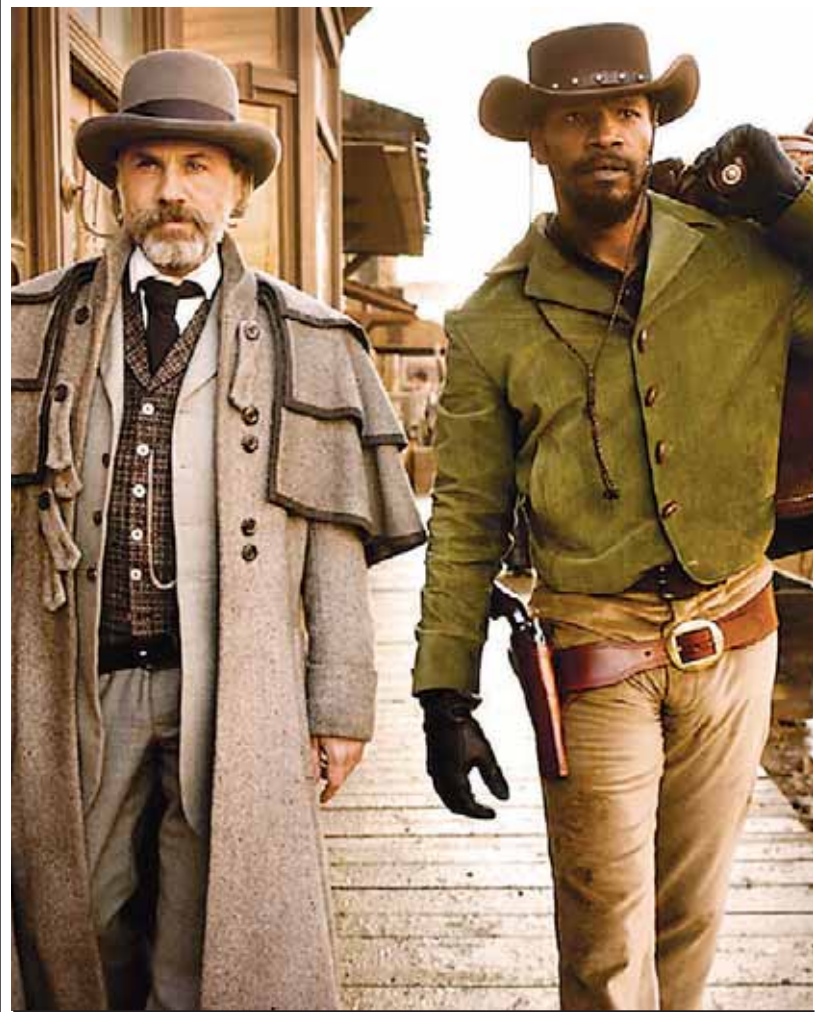


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Christoph Waltz, left, and Jamie Foxx play 1850s bounty hunters in Quentin Tarantino's *Django Unchained*. HANDOUT

Tarantino up to his old tricks again with *Django Unchained*

Wild West. Foxx, DiCaprio and Waltz give performances that bring back memories of *Inglorious Basterds*, director's other films

Quentin Tarantino is rewriting history again with his upcoming film, *Django Unchained*.

After the success of his much-lauded World War II fiction film *Inglorious Basterds*, Tarantino is heading to the Wild West and time travelling to the years where slavery was still legal in America.

Jaime Foxx is the new Samuel L. Jackson — he might not have the cadence and the voice, but, just by the short clips of Foxx brandishing a pistol and cracking a whip, you know that he is one BAMF.

Leonardo DiCaprio is the new Brad Pitt — but evil at first, I had to do a double take to make sure that Lt. Aldo Raine (played by Brad Pitt in *Inglorious Basterds*) wasn't starring in this film. Thanks to slight variations on their facial hair, I was able to tell the difference.

While both actors had to adopt Southern accents in their Tarantino appearances, DiCaprio plays a smooth villain — which is a far cry from Pitt's boisterous war hero.

Christoph Waltz is a very versatile actor. Waltz's memorable role as a shrewd Nazi in *Inglorious Basterds* won him an Oscar.

Now he's back working with Tarantino. It seems like he'll be one of the heroes, a testament to the fact that no matter what part he plays you can't keep your eyes off of him.

Dog the Bounty Hunter looks like a crossing guard compared to these two.

If one of the movie's tag lines — "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Vengeance" — didn't give you a hint that there would be blood in this film, then the fact that Tarantino — the master of dialogue, 360-degree pans around tables and gratuitous violence — is directing this film should have tipped you off.

The director isn't blatantly ripping off an old film, thank you very much. In the final bar scene, Django (Jamie Foxx) is sitting next to Django (Franco Nero). Nero starred in 1966's *Django*, a spaghetti western where he, a gunslinger, had to battle the KKK and a gang of Mexican Bandits.

For all those people out there who constantly complain that all of Tarantino's films are ripped off from somewhere and that he never gives the original films credit, here's his nod that he recognizes where he got his influences from. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Monsters beware

Abe Lincoln is not the only historical figure who could tangle with the forces of the supernatural and come out on top. These five warriors bring different — but no less effective — weapons in the fight against the forces of darkness.

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Florence Nightingale

Legendary nurse saved countless lives in the Crimean War, and the “lady with the lamp” was a trailblazer for sanitation and hygiene. Her skills would be priceless for containing the infectious zombie plagues that are becoming a constant nuisance.



Cleopatra

The Egyptian pharaoh was a mystic who liked to experiment with witchcraft and substances. So who better to take on the bandaged terror of The Mummy where it lives?



Horatio Nelson

British naval captain and hero of the Napoleonic wars. With such pedigree on the high seas we believe Nelson would have been an expert dragon slayer, capable of dousing any flames, and would have experience with sea monsters too.



William Gladstone

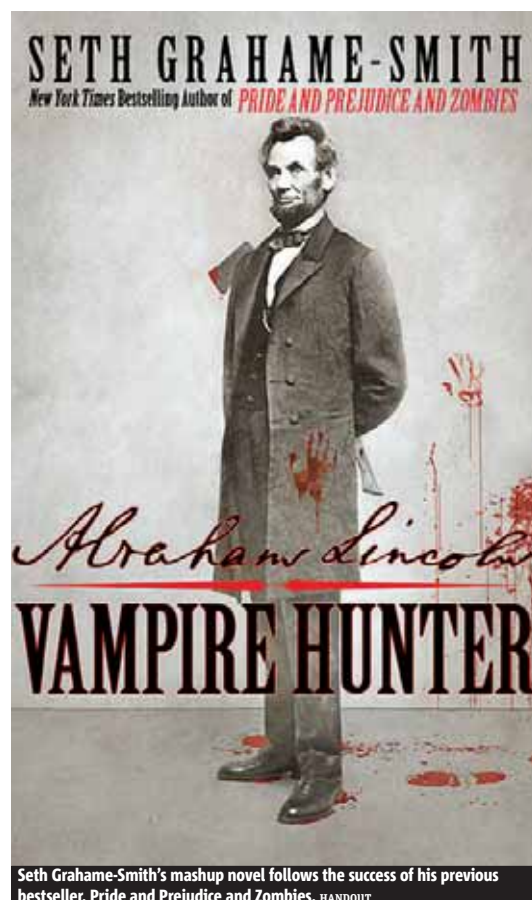
One of Britain's longest-serving prime ministers. When Gladstone wasn't handling business, he was happiest in his garden, where he earned a reputation for being green-thumbed. Useful in case of a Triffid-style mutant plant attack, or if the Little Shop of Horrors returns.



George Washington

The first U.S. president was an excellent shot and a keen fox hunter. We see no reason why those skills couldn't be transferred to scarier, hairier dogs — such as werewolves.

Who can say Lincoln didn't kill vampires?



Imaginative mashup.

Author Seth Grahame-Smith came up with the idea after seeing Lincoln and Twilight books together

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Abraham Lincoln was secretly a vampire hunter? Only the detailed, imaginative mind of Seth Grahame-Smith could come up with a tale like this. He's made a living from mashups, like *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies* and *The Dark Shadows*.

Metro World News spoke to him about his inspirations and why he chose Lincoln as his “historical revisionist” project.

So, how do you come up with this stuff?

This idea specifically was a weird organic outgrowth of *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*. I was going around the country promoting that in 2009, which was coincidentally the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth so every bookstore I'd go into no matter where it was in the United States, I'd see the same display of Lincoln books, biographies, things like that. And, then inevitably there would be the *Twilight*: True

Blood table next to it. I started to draw the distinction of if everywhere you go there are vampire books right in front of the stores, and everywhere you go there are Lincoln books right in front of the stores. It stands to reason that...

Maybe Abraham Lincoln was a vampire hunter?

Maybe there's something to combining them. It just began, a fun little game with-in myself imagining what it would be like. Would Lincoln be a vampire? I thought, “No that's not really true to his ideals. He would be a vampire hunter. That got me interested enough to read about the real man,

and when I started to read about the Lincoln legend I got hooked into it and started to see where all of the opportunities were to add the genre twist to it.

Abraham Lincoln is pretty well-known in the U.S.. What do you think international audiences can glean from it?

What we've made here isn't so much a political movie about a president as much as a superhero movie. It's a superhero ori-

gine movie really.

I think they would approach it as — I hope they would see it — whether they know much about Lincoln or not, he's an interesting guy who lived in the 19th century who made himself into — and this is in real life too — made himself into something extraordinary.

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The primary characters of Pixar's latest animated feature film Brave are, from left, King Fergus (voiced by Billy Connolly), Queen

Brave may seem familiar, but it's actually all new

Fairy tale feel. The filmmakers wanted audiences to be lulled into thinking they know what's happening but don't



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If you walk away from seeing Brave, the new Pixar princess movie, feeling as though the story was familiar, that was on purpose.

"We wanted it have that feeling where you wonder, 'Was that a real fairy tale?'" says producer Katherine Sarafian. "Because it feels like a classic, dark ancient tale but told in a new way."

Director Mark Andrews adds that it took years to fine-tune the story. "We didn't really have the story done,

done-done-done-itty-done-done in all its permutations, until December of last year." He says. "In the last three months I honed it. That happens by watching it over and over and over again."

"The film will tell you what it needs and it doesn't need much," says Sarafian. "It doesn't need every bit of dialogue ever recorded. You need to get the point across."

The inspiration for the story of Merida (voiced by Kelly Macdonald), a flame-haired

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Elinor (Emma Thompson) and Merida (Kelly Macdonald). HANDOUT

Break out the bagpipes

Set in ancient Scotland, many of *Brave's* voice actors are actually Scottish.

- **Kelly Macdonald as Merida**, was born in Glasgow and still lives there with her husband Dougie Payne from the band Travis.
- **Billy Connolly as King Fergus** was also born in Glasgow, and returned there in 2005 after years of living in Hollywood.
- **Robbie Coltrane as Lord Dingwall**. Born in Ruth-

erglen, Coltrane had to adopt an English accent to play Hagrid in the Harry Potter series.

- **Craig Ferguson as Lord Macintosh**. Also born in Glasgow, he wrote a book called *American on Purpose* about his immigration experience.
- **Kevin McKidd as Lord MacGuffin**. Born in Elgin, he is best known for his role in *Trainspotting*, a harrowing film about growing up in Scotland.

tomboy-turned-princess, who clashes with her mother and learns that you have to be careful what you wish for — especially when that wish is

granted by an absent-minded witch — came from a number of sources.

"There are stories about people changing onto ani-

mals," said Andrews. "There are stories about asking for a wish and it going wrong and teaching you a lesson. There are all those aspects of it in different pieces so we built this thing from scratch; pulling ideas that we know have worked in other places."

The final stop before theatres is the head office of Pixar, home to hits like *Finding Nemo*, *The Incredibles*, *WALL-E*, *Up* and *Toy Story 3*.

"The people I have to show the film to have been through it," says Andrews. "They have Academy Awards, so if they say, 'I smell a rat,' I have to get back in there. They are the best guys to have on your side. I want their response."

"Our bosses are creative," says Sarafian. "They have all directed, rather than having suits or business people make the decisions by focus group or budget. They're making decisions based on what they find entertaining based on their experiences and training."

The result is a classic feeling film, with no pop culture references. "We didn't want to be glib," said Sarafian, "we want generations to watch it."

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"We didn't want to be glib; we want generations to watch it."

Katherine Sarafian, *Brave* producer

Explaining why there are no pop culture references in the film

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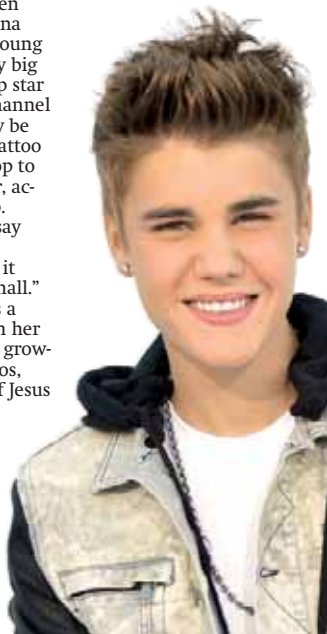
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Biebs and Gomez to get couple tattoos?

It must be love between Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez, because the young couple is taking a very big step together: The pop star and former Disney Channel actress will reportedly be headed to New York tattoo artist Bang Bang's shop to get some ink together, according to Hollyscoop.

The source didn't say exactly what the pair would be getting, but it will be "something small."

Gomez already has a piece by Bang Bang on her side, and Bieber has a growing collection of tattoos, including a portrait of Jesus on his lower leg.



Drake

Weezy wants Drizzy to squash the beef with Breezy

Rapper Lil Wayne is reportedly pressuring Drake to make peace with Chris Brown after last week's New York nightclub brawl, according to TMZ.

But why the desire to calm tensions? Because Wayne is worried it will hurt his business, as songs

with Brown doing a guest vocal tend to be big hits, a source explains.

"Making money matters most," a source says. Drake, for his part, is reportedly hesitant to extend an olive branch until he knows that Brown doesn't blame him for instigating the brawl.

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Deadmau5 puts Madonna on notice

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We weren't the only ones who sensed a little desperation in Madonna's current tour, which has featured more than one awkward striptease.

In the new issue of Rolling Stone, electronic music producer Joel Zimmerman (better known as Deadmau5, or that guy who wears a giant mouse head

onstage) called out the pop star for her recent appearance at the Ultra Music Festival, where she asked, "How many people in this crowd have seen Molly?" — a clumsy reference to ecstasy, as is the title of her new album, MDNA.

"You want to be 'hip' and 'cool' and 'funky grandma'? Fine. It's not my place to say you're irrelevant," says Zimmerman. "If you're gonna come into my world, at least do it with a little more dignity."

You heard the man, Madonna. And if you start name-checking wine spritzers on ice, expect to hear from us.



Johnny Depp. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Depp and Paradis are done, rep confirms

After six months of dodging rumours that they were on the rocks, Johnny Depp and Vanessa Paradis have ended their 14-year relationship, Depp's rep confirms in a statement to Entertainment Tonight.

"Johnny Depp and Vanessa Paradis have amicably

separated. Please respect their privacy and, more importantly, the privacy of their children," the statement reads. There's no word on how Depp and Paradis, who never married, will handle custody of their children, 12-year-old Lily Rose and nine-year-old Jack.

Sheen taking serious 'precautions'

Charlie Sheen admits that he's had to make some changes to the way he parties at his house after last year's very public flame-out.

"We take phones and purses at my house, and people have to sign s—," Sheen tells Playboy magazine. "I'm not living in the Pentagon, but I've been burned enough to have to take precautions. It's either that or choose a different type of woman or party

guest, because you never know."

And as for why the troubled actor remains popular? He has a theory: "If you're special, you're tortured," he says.

"I know that sounds arrogant, but you can't not be special and have a 30-year career. You can't not be a little different from others and be successful for three decades. Your mind has to work a little differently than the average brain."



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Style Olympics

The fashion giants face off at London 2012. Who cares about the medals, when some of the cattiest competition will be going on in the style stakes?

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Sportswear has always been a sticky topic for fashionable types.

For a start, sports people do require a level of practicality and comfort.

In the fashion world, those are two ugly words used almost exclusively for those individuals who wear

hiking gear in the city or running trainers while commuting because they're just easier. I shudder.

The balance between looking good and performing well offers a dilemma that's long plagued athletes who are forced into some over-branded piece

of nationalistic lycra worn under what amounts to little more than a shell suit.

Thankfully, in this age of celebrity endorsements and collaborations, the real designer talent has got behind their teams, namely Giorgio Armani (Italy), Stella McCartney and Adidas (Great

Britain), Cedella Marley (Jamaica) and Ralph Lauren (U.S.A.).

Patriotic, yes and also the perfect piece of marketing with the Games' status as a visual spectacle and of course the potential for a multi-billion global audience.



Italy

You'd expect flair and passion from the Italians, and EA7 Emporio Armani sportswear delivers. Giorgio Armani created a 50-piece collection complete with luggage cut in white and midnight blue, which was the traditional colour pre-1970s. And if Italy's athletes need inspiration they need only look to the first words of Mameli's hymn (national anthem) embroidered on the inside of jackets and sweatshirts.

Great Britain

Great Britain gymnast Louis Smith says of the kit: "I really do love it. I like the way that the Union Jack is incorporated into the leotard and tracksuit — and it's more comfortable than anything I've competed in." Stella McCartney had all the pressure designing for the host nation and she seems to have delivered, despite claims that the design on the chest resembles the X Factor logo. Wishful thinking, perhaps.



Jamaica

Cedella Marley — yes she is Bob Marley's daughter — really did have to create something special, seeing as Usain Bolt is almost a dead certain for the gold. Marley looked to sport, music (there's an element of Buffalo Soldier) and Jamaican culture. There's even a nod to Bob with his face featuring on the shoulder of some track jackets. Marley said at the launch, "A little piece of him is going to be in London."

U.S.A.

Ralph Lauren is no stranger to the sports field, or London for that matter, with his regular collections for the Wimbledon staff. Lauren looked to the London 1984 Olympics and the 1930s and 1940s with off-duty cricket-collar shirts and sweatshirts and a dash of patriotic pride thanks to the felt U.S.A. appliques. It's likely to be the biggest hit commercially with the brand's iconic polo player motif.



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What was the inspiration behind the 2012 Summer Olympic Team Apparel collection?

We were inspired by sports and the great outdoors. We wanted to create a Summer Olympic collection that our athletes — and all Canadians — would embrace.



What is your favourite piece from the 2012 line that you'll be wearing as you cheer on Team Canada?

The Track Jacket is one of my favourite pieces from the Bay's Canadian Olympic Collection. Sport-inspired varsity jackets and bombers are on-trend, and people stop to talk to me about it all the time.

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Fashion Flash

Adidas pulls shoe over cuff controversy

Adidas cancelled plans for a sneaker with a shackle-like ankle cuff Monday night after some critics said it too closely resembled a symbol of slavery. The JS Roundhouse Mid, a high-top sneaker with an orange plastic cuff, was made in collaboration with fashion designer Jeremy Scott.

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U.S. athletes will wear uniforms at Olympics that could shave time off sprints

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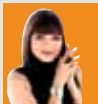



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Canadian street style

Spotted in: Vancouver

Miho Matsuko

International student, aspiring fashion designer, surfer

Age: 17

What she's wearing:

Zara shirt and tank top, necklace from street vendor in Japan, skirt from Japan.

Her inspiration:

"On my way to the beach! I love wearing simple, casual yet feminine looks."

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Oh, to walk in his shoes

Humble hero.

Despite fashion fame, Massimiliano Giornetti stays "down to earth"

He's come out of the shadows and into the world spotlight. But Massimiliano Giornetti, Salvatore Ferragamo's creative director since 2010, says that he's still a "down to earth" guy — despite

having tea with Meryl Streep and hanging out with Angelina Jolie.

The humility is perhaps surprising considering that Giornetti, who has breathed life into the 84-year-old fashion house, made history this week with the biggest catwalk coup in recent times: taking over the arcades of the Louvre for the 900-year-old building's first fashion show.

While the Louvre venue

might be new, the Hollywood A-list has been linked for an eternity to the storied Italian brand.

"The link between Salvatore Ferragamo and Hollywood is as old as the company," Giornetti told The Associated Press. "It was probably the first house (in the 1920s) to create this link between fashion and celebrities."

It was patronage of actresses — such as Marilyn Monroe and

Greta Garbo — that ensured Salvatore Ferragamo's "fairy tale" rise from a humble shoe repair shop in California into the leather "shoemaker of the stars."

The ongoing Marilyn Monroe exhibit in Florence's Museo Salvatore Ferragamo is proof enough of the brand's star quality. It features 14 pairs of the house's shoes once worn or purchased by the screen siren.

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Salvatore Ferragamo's creative director, Massimiliano Giornetti

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Greet these warm summer days with Grilled Salmon (in two tasty ways)

In *The New Granville Island Market Cookbook*, authors Judie Glick and Carol Jenson offer a range of enticing recipes that span the seasons and showcase the ingredients available at the Granville Island Public Market.

One of the recipes is for this Grilled Salmon, which can be made in two ways. You can add your favourite sauce to enhance the grilled salmon or garnish with just a wedge of lemon.

Serve it with roasted new potatoes and a simple salad.

Option 1

1. Heat barbecue to medium. Oil grill to prevent sticking.

2. Place fillet, skin side down, on barbecue. Close lid and let salmon cook through, 10 to 15 minutes. Place on a platter and serve.

Option 2

1. Heat barbecue to medium. Oil grill to prevent sticking.

2. In bowl, mix mayonnaise, lemon juice, salt and pepper.

Ingredients

Option 1

- 1 whole salmon fillet, about 1 kg (2 lb)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

Option 2

- 60 ml (4 tbsp) mayonnaise (full fat is best)
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) freshly ground pepper
- 1 whole salmon fillet, about 1 kg (2 lb)

Place fillet, skin side down, on a sheet of foil and evenly spread mayonnaise mixture over top. Tent foil over salmon and place on barbecue.

3. Grill for 10 to 15 minutes until fish is cooked through. Place on a platter and serve.

THE CANADIAN PRESS/ THE NEW GRANVILLE ISLAND MARKET COOKBOOK (ARSENAL, 2012).

Grilled Salmon Two Ways



Both options serve four people. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Book of the week

Vancouver staple



When Vancouver's Granville Island Public Market opened in 1979, Judie Glick was one of the original vendors. Her love of food inspired her to create a cookbook honouring the market.

Now, Glick has teamed up with Carol Jenson, another longtime market resident, for *The New Granville Island Market Cookbook* (Arsenal, 2012).

The book is divided into the four seasons, with recipes for appetizers, soups and salads, entrées and baked goods. They revamped some of the recipes from the original book — making them lighter and fresher — and added some new ones. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Cooking technique: The secret to tender ribs

To boil or not to boil? To rub or not to rub? However you like them, barbecued ribs are a huge treat during the summer.

This recipe includes directions for pre-baking, which gives a guaranteed tender result. Use the barbecue to finish cooking.

1. Heat oven to 180 C (350 F). Place ribs on baking sheet. In

a bowl, mix all spices; rub into ribs. Place ribs in a roasting pan and bake for 2 to 2 1/2 hours..

2. In a medium saucepan on low heat, combine all barbecue sauce ingredients. Stir occasionally until sugar has melted and ingredients have blended well. Store in refrigerator until ready to use.

3. Heat barbecue to medium. Oil grill to prevent sticking.

4. Slather ribs with sauce and place on grill. Cook 15 minutes, until outside slightly crispy and the ribs are warmed through. Brush with more sauce while grilling. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ THE NEW GRANVILLE ISLAND MARKET COOKBOOK (ARSENAL, 2012).**

Ingredients

- 2 racks pork baby back ribs, about 750 g (1 1/2 lb), cut into 10-cm (4-inch) pieces
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) paprika
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) onion powder
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) garlic powder
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) dry mustard

- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
 - 15 ml (1 tbsp) ground pepper
- Barbecue Sauce**
- 250 ml (1 cup) ketchup
 - 250 ml (1 cup) chili sauce
 - 75 ml (1/3 cup) brown sugar
 - 50 ml (1/4 cup) minced onion

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) garlic powder
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) onion powder
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SPECIAL INFORMATION FEATURE

All-star flavours

Brew pub. Sens defenceman Chris Phillips nets a winner with new Big Rig Kitchen and Brewery



JEFF
O'REILLY
For Metro

With Ontario Craft Beer Week still going strong, we see the local craft beer scene continue to grow and evolve, and the newest addition to the area steps up with a veteran "all star" team of well-known players and vows to win you over with big flavours — for the love of food and beer.

Having played more than 1,000 games for the Ottawa Senators, big, stay-at-home defenceman Chris Phillips has already won the hearts of Ottawa sports fans, and his newest venture will see him and his family remain part of the community long after he decides to retire.

With more than two years of planning and development before opening last week, a lot of thought went into finding a strong roster of complementary talent. And when Phillips

was shrewdly recruiting partners for the newly opened brew pub that bears his nickname "Big Rig," he found an ace in brewmaster Lon Ladell. With enviable credentials and a solid gold reputation in the brewing community, Ladell has a résumé that is as impressive as that of Phillips.

For a brew pub to succeed, beer has to be the star of the show and bigger plans are already in the works for more brew pubs and brewing opportunities. So when we look at the starting lineup we see a foundation that is as solid as Phillips is on the blue-line and as crowd pleasing as watching No. 4 score the winner in overtime.

Big Rig Gold, Rideau Red, Byward Brown (which is Phillips' first-round draft choice), India Pale Ale, and Stud Stout have something for everyone and pair well with the large, assertive menu while standing proudly on their own. But the beer that really caught my eye was their first seasonal El

Ungarnished and unspoiled

I'm not sure where this trend started, but I certainly wish it would stop. Not only does that piece of citrus fruit often not represent anything that is going on in the beer, it definitely masks some of the subtle flavours the brewer worked hard to create and fully intended you to enjoy. Said garnish also breaks down the retention of the foam head that protects your beer from the air — which will make your beer flat — robbing you of the palate-cleansing carbonation that makes wheat beer so uniquely refreshing. Save the fruit for summer sangrias and girly cocktails and serve the beer the way the brewer intended it to be served: All natural — ungarnished and unspoiled.

Hefe Hefeweizen. Hefeweizen is a renowned German style that literally means "wheat beer with yeast," and staying true to his philosophy of quality, Ladell uses a special strain of yeast from the world's oldest brewery, Weiherstephan (brewing since 1040 AD in Freising, just north of Munich,



Chris Phillips, left, and Lon Ladell invite you to check out the new Big Rig Kitchen and Brewery. JEFF O'REILLY/FOR METRO

Germany), with spectacular results.

Big Rig Brewery's El Hefe Hefeweizen (4.7 per cent alcohol by volume) pours a bright and hazy gold with a fluffy white head into a wheat beer glass directly from the bright tank. It doesn't get any fresher than that. The unmistakable

aromas of banana, clove, German yeast and fresh wheat are intoxicating and inviting. It delivers a super smooth mouth feel that finishes dry with minimal aftertaste. This beer is uncomplicatedly delicious and absolutely perfect for summer patio refreshment.

After a visit to Big Rig

Kitchen and Brewery you will find yourself saying, "La première étoile, the first star ... Lonnie Ladell!"

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While he admits he doesn't have much time to barbecue at home, chef Steve Mitton is regularly recognized as a master of the grill across Canada for his exceptional tip-to-tail cooking skills at Murray Street Kitchen.

The popular restaurant headed by Mitton has become the go-to place for homemade charcuterie and exceptionally prepared regional cuts of meat.

Mitton shared some tips.

1 Top quality meat — "I'd go for O'Brien Farms Rib-eye Steak. It's that big hunk of fat right in the middle that keeps them nice and moist and juicy. Asparagus definitely goes well on the grill this time of year and they're not going to get soggy next to the rib-eye."

2 Good barbecue — "I like something that is not a wire rack so it can get marks. Let's you forget things. My advice is that it's meant to be fun to sit in your backyard and if you screw up, there's always next time."

3 Homemade barbecue sauce — "It's essential



Chef Steve Mitton with his trusty tongs. SAMANTHA EVERTS/FOR METRO

if you're doing chicken or sausages. I do my own same sauce that I make here — tomato paste, vinegars, sugars, maple syrup, molasses, and espresso. We call it the

Murray Street."

4 Tongs — "Without tongs I don't think I could operate. They're like an extension of my arm. If I could walk around in the streets

and not look weird with them I would."

5 Good brew — "I'd drink Beau's first and foremost, but anything from Canada really."

Wine. Uncork these choices to unwind this week



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AT VINTAGES

This weekend, the shelves at LCBO Vintages will be overflowing with light whites, dry rosés and bold red wines. With only \$100 in my pocket, these are the wines I would recommend to uncork to unwind this week.

Featherstone Gewurztraminer VQA 2011, Ontario (LCBO #64592, \$19.95)

Nicknamed "G Wine," this is a refreshing white wine with pear, apricot and pineapple tastes that will be good with spicy food.

Alta Vista Premium Cabernet Sauvignon 2009, Argentina (LCBO #129957, \$14.95)

Fire up the barbecue. Smooth, big red wine with vanilla, black licorice, black cherries and dark chocolate

... and at a terrific price.

Vrede en lust White Mischief, South Africa (LCBO #280156, \$16.95)

A unique blend of five different grapes to create an easy drinking dry white wine that's loaded with white grapefruit aromas and tastes.

Quail's Gate Rosé VQA 2011, British Columbia (LCBO #275842, \$17.95)

Looks like a sunset in your glass. Light-bodied with refreshing aromas and tastes of pink grapefruit, lime and mint. Kick back and unwind.

Chateau Tanunda Barossa Tower Shiraz/Primitivo, Australia (LCBO #281048, \$18.95)

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Event. Bytowne Oyster Festival returns for a sixth year this Sunday

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The sixth annual Bytowne Oyster Festival is back this Sunday — and guaranteed to be a shucking good time.

About 6,000 oysters will be provided by host and event planners Whalesbone Sustainable Oyster and Fish Supply to be shucked, gutted and cleaned by the restaurant industry's best. Past participants have included Murray St. Kitchen, Wellington Gastropub, and Metropolitan Brasserie.

Owner and event organizer Joshua Bishop says it's a myth that Ottawa loves oysters; they are aphrodisiacs after all.

With entry you get either a Whalesbone's signature wall-eye burger, tandoori salmon wrap, pulled pork or four freshly shucked oysters in Bishop's favourite style — "On the half shell raw with a bit lemon."



Last year's contestants take part in the annual Bytowne Oyster Festival. This year's festival will be held Sunday from noon to 11 p.m. in the parking lot of 504A Kent St. CONTRIBUTED

People can change it up with their oyster house condiments, cocktail or scotch pepper sauce, too. There will be plenty of picnic tables to dine at and entertainment for kids, too, with clowns and

fire-breathers. Everyone gets into the Chef's Cup Shuck-off though. "(The experience) is a peculiar little subculture that you have to see first-hand," says Bishop.

Participants will show off

their skills when they clean and shuck P.E.I. oysters, which will be judged by three food critics. It's a lot of fun to watch, says Bishop.

"The audience gets really into it, yelling, 'Shuck it good,

shuck it nice!'

Local rockabilly bands will be providing live music. The winner gets a cash prize and a giant lei made of oyster shells. Watch for pearls.

The Bytowne Oyster Festival

will be held Sunday from noon to 11 p.m. in the parking lot at 504A Kent St. (at Arlington Avenue). There is a \$25 entry charge per person.

For more about the festival, see thewhalesbone.com.

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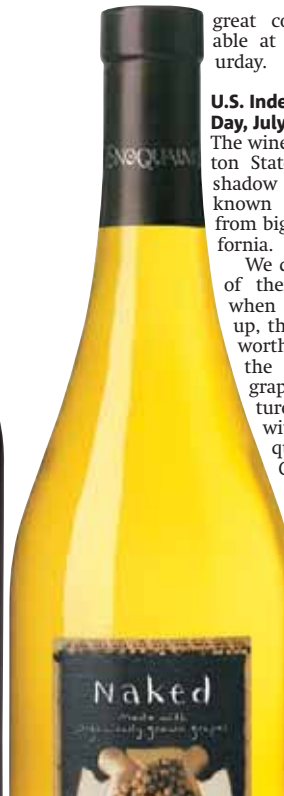
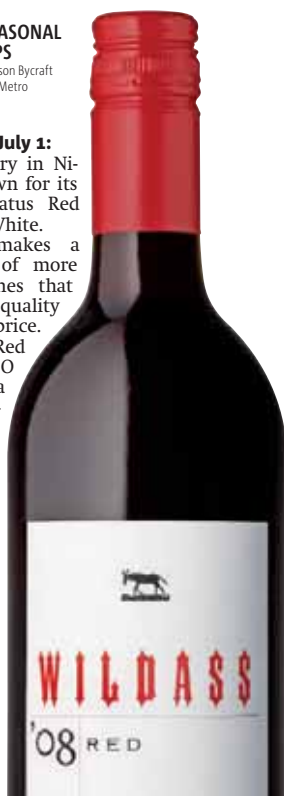


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For Metro

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great country. Available at Vintages Saturday.

U.S. Independence Day, July 4:

The wines of Washington State live in the shadow of its better-known counterparts from big brother California.

We don't see a lot of them here, but when they show up, they are always worth trying. Taste the Chardonnay grape as nature intended, with Snowqualmie Naked Chardonnay (\$14.95, LCBO #158501) unoaked and unadorned, with aromas and tastes of fresh tree fruit. It's organic, too. Available at Vintages Saturday.

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Wall power. Large-scale art is the key to adding impact to a room



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Last year I had the pleasure of meeting Marta Calles, president of Crate & Barrel and former design director of CB2 stores.

Over the past few years both Crate & Barrel and CB2 have made great efforts to enter the Canadian market with many store openings and online web offerings. During our meeting, Marta and I discussed our visions of future home decor trends and in particular, the trending of the royals.

The royal wedding, the Queen's Jubilee and the summer Olympics made us sure everyone would want a little accent of British style in their homes after all these events had passed.

About a week after my meeting I emailed Ms. Calles; thanking her for her time and the great conversation about



A large piece of art helps create a focal point. CB2.COM

trends that we'd had. I referred back to our royal-trend discussion and included an image of a small portrait that I had painted of the Queen. Not an artist by any means (my painting was a weekend project) I hoped to show her how far ahead of the royal trend I had been.

To my surprise, Ms. Calles

replied back to my email saying she loved the 'attitude' of the painting and wanted to have it reproduced for CB2 stores. Long story short, the painting was reproduced on canvas and enlarged to a whopping 44 inches wide and 60 inches tall; a size of art sure to add impact wherever the painting chooses

to live. It will launch this Saturday at all CB2 stores. To be considered somewhat of an artist puts a great check on my bucket list, next thing to tackle will be a recorded song; or perhaps I should just stick to decorating.

I've always professed that one of the easiest ways to add impact to any room is by hang-

How's it hanging?

Here's a few things to keep in mind when hanging art in your space:

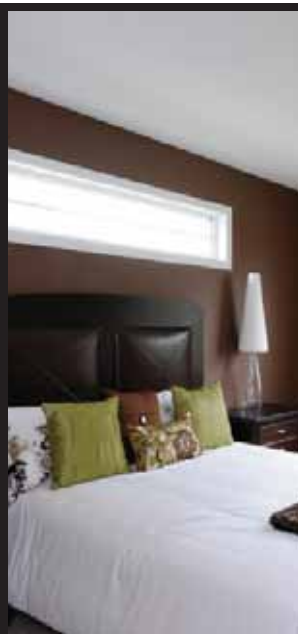
- **How high?** The middle of your artwork should be hung 66-70 inches off the floor.
- **Consider your other furniture.** The bottom of artwork should be 8-12 inches above headboards, credenzas or sofas.
- **Remember.** Large-scale art helps to create big impact in a small space.
- **Optical illusion.** Hang artwork vertically stacked to help draw the eye upward in a room.



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Marta Calles, president of Crate & Barrel and yours truly at Toronto's CB2 store. CONTRIBUTED



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Believe it or not, home renos don't actually happen in 22 minutes

Reality check. Jim Caruk offers an insider view of house repairs and revamp in HGTV's *Builder Boss*

While "the big reveal" remains a centrepiece on home renovation shows, there's considerable time and toiling that occurs behind the scenes to refurbish and transform spaces featured on-air.

Longtime contractor Jim Caruk and his team offer an insider perspective of the pinnacles and pitfalls of home construction on *Builder Boss* which premieres Thursday at 10:30 p.m. ET on HGTV.

"We want (viewers) to understand the building process because it's a huge industry; and I think over the last 10 to 12 years it's even gotten bigger with all these shows that are coming out. But what isn't shown on some of these different shows is the actual time element," Caruk said in a recent interview.

"We blow this thing off in 22 minutes, but it's taken us

Building nightmare

Even pros stumble

The series debut on Thursday features the massive construction of a luxurious, 4,500 square-foot (418 square-metre) Georgian-style mansion which Caruk estimates will be worth \$2.5 million upon completion.

The project has a timeline of 10 to 12 months.

After demolishing an old bungalow and excavating for a new foundation, viewers get an up-close view of key steps in the meticulous process, from the building of the basement walls on up.

But as the episode unfolds, it becomes apparent the large-scale project isn't immune from potential hiccups.

they don't understand what they're going to get themselves into — if they're going to renovate their home — it's going to be a disaster."

Caruk filmed seven seasons of HGTV's *Real Renos* and said *Builder Boss* takes the previous

series to the next level. The show features 13 new builds — nearly double what Caruk and his team would take on in a typical year.

"Needless to say, it was not only exciting but it was definitely gruelling, punishing

— everything else to go along with that," said the owner of The Caruk Group.

"Our goal is ... to bring the audience back and take them through the day in the life of a custom builder and show them the real stress and the make-

and-break moments of the whole industry. As I like to say, it's time, money and emotion — they don't go well together."

Builder Boss returns to its regular time slot on June 28 at 10 p.m. ET with back-to-back episodes. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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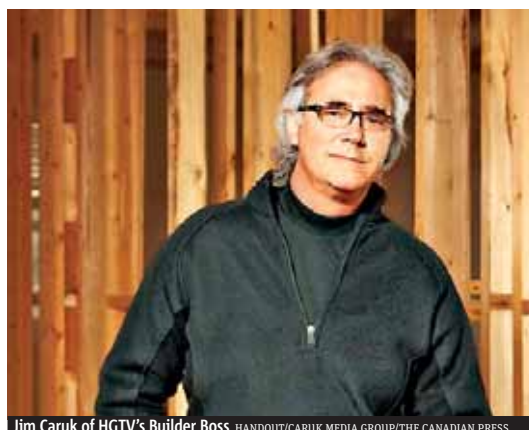
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No longer neglected

Value. Create more space for a growing family by considering improvements to your basement

Bathrooms and kitchens are tied (at 43 per cent) as the top home improvement projects this year, while basements are gaining in popularity, according to the 19th annual RBC homeownership poll. Three in 10 of us (33 per cent) are considering making improvements to our basements, up 20 percentage points since 2009.

"This increase may be a

natural progression since many Canadians may have already completed bathroom or kitchen renovations — the projects that typically add the most value to a house," says Richard Goyder, vice-president of personal lending at RBC.

Goyder says there are many reasons to renovate a house: To update the look and value of the home; to create more space for a growing family; or

for personal enjoyment.

"Whatever your reason to renovate, there are smart ways to finance the project," Goyder explains. "Talk to a financial expert before you start, to find the right financing options for you."

Here are three tips for financing and saving money on a home renovation project:

- Plan, plan, plan: Prepare a

budget and then research the cost of materials and perhaps the services of a contractor. Track spending throughout the project, from every nail to can of paint to tool purchases or rentals. Don't forget insurance and leave wiggle room for unforeseen delays.

- Explore financing options: Credit cards and cash may be enough for smaller projects.

But if it's a bigger project, such as finishing a basement, consider other options. For example, RBC tells us that the MyProject MasterCard is a cross between a credit card and a personal loan. Pay for renovation materials and services with the card and be interest free for six months. After that, the card converts into a personal loan with

monthly payments at a low interest rate.

- Green your home: Make the most of your renovations by improving the energy efficiency at the same time. Consider getting an energy audit, a new furnace or a new boiler, or adding insulation. These steps can help you save money in the long run.

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More and more Canadians are making improvements to their basements. PIXLAND/THINKSTOCK

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Bathrooms. Vanity sanity

It's the room where you start and end your day, so it should be one of the most enjoyable ... but admit it, most of the time, your bathroom is not the relaxing retreat you hoped it would be.

Whether it's overrun with towels and toiletries — or is tough to keep clean with smudged mirrors and faucets — today's bathrooms are in need of some serious updates and organization.

Luckily, a few simple tips and tricks can bring style and sanity to your bathroom vanity in no time.

Furniture fix

Furniture pieces can add style, colour, warmth, and, most importantly, a place to store your bathroom necessities out of sight. Even if your bathroom is small, you may still be able to find room for a small shelf or chest. Large bathrooms have the luxury of added storage space offered by a stylish cupboard, shelving unit or armoire.

Fancy faucets

If you haven't updated your bathroom fixtures in a while, take a look at some of the excitement in this area. For example, the new Boardwalk bath collection from Moen can take your faucets from drab to fab with their glamorous vintage looks. Moen designers tell us that the Boardwalk



A few simple tricks can bring style to your bathroom. NEWS CANADA

centreset and widespread faucets are certified to meet WaterSense criteria, reducing water usage by up to 32 per cent. The company says the best part is the new Spot Resist finish that does just what it says — resists fingerprints and water spots. Now you can add style and sanity to the bath since you won't waste time cleaning.

Organize odds and ends

Have your bathroom drawers become a catch-all for hotel samples and unused cosmetics? Then it's time to sort, purge and organize. Once you have decided what you can't live without, find a spot

for everything. Try gathering your bathroom cleaning supplies and store them together in a handled tote under your sink or in an upper cupboard.

Store items in style

Don't have much wall space? Freeing the floor can be simple. Store your items in style by installing racks, towel bars and robe hooks to hang extra towels, clothes or bathrobes. The back of the door is an often overlooked area to install these essentials.

For an updated bathroom, minus the mess, these quick tips will help you keep your sanity and organize your vanity. NEWS CANADA

Back in Black

Do you love the way you feel after slipping into your little black dress?

Black is not only a great shade on you — it's also a great shade for your home, say specialists in this field. The stylish finish is especially perfect in the kitchen — and can be seen in everything from kitchen appliances, to hardware ... and now even the faucet. Make your kitchen feel just as good as you do in your favourite black dress with the magic of black.

Appliance accents

Stainless steel appliances exude the aura of a high-end, professional kitchen. But the modern stainless appliance wouldn't be complete without rich, black accents. From iron-work grates and griddles on stainless stoves, to refrigerators with black ice makers and handles, the combination of black and stainless conveys professionalism and power.

A dramatic finish

The sink is, without a doubt, the most used area in the kitchen. From filling cups to washing dishes, rinsing fruits and vegetables to replenishing Fido's bowl, the sink is used dozens of times per day. That said, it should be the

first place we consider when it comes to décor ... not just an afterthought.

Since it's such a central area, why not give your sink a bit of character by adding a dramatic black faucet? Very popular is the Arbor kitchen faucet in a matte black finish from Moen. It provides a streamlined appearance that co-ordinates perfectly with black or stainless/black kitchen appliances and accessories. The collection also features the Moen Reflex system on pullout and pulldown kitchen faucets. Reflex allows for unmatched performance that offers smooth operation, easy movement and secure retraction.

Sophisticated surfaces

Countertops play a large role in the function of a kitchen, setting the stage for food preparation, the use and display of everything from toasters to teapots, and activities from surfing the Internet to entertaining guests.

Black granite countertops can be a great addition to an already sophisticated kitchen. And the options are far more extensive than basic black, ranging from mid-night black to a more mixed shade, with secondary colours of grey, white, or even



Give your sink a bit of character by adding a black faucet. NEWS CANADA

bolder hues, like sapphire.

Dramatic radiance

Light fixtures can often set the tone for the entire room, both by the light they give off and the look of the fixture.

Create a new appearance for your kitchen and dining area by adding a bold choice in lighting. Chandeliers with vintage-style iron-work, strings of black glass

or crystal beads, or even dramatic black prints, can be a beautiful accent to an elegant kitchen — the pièce de résistance to tie the whole room together.

With just a few stylish, dark-hued accents, you can create a kitchen that stands out, instead of simply blending in. More information is available online at moen.ca.

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Heating up. Summer projects are rewarding

Whether it's a little tidying up, or a full-on home repair, now is the perfect time to get some work done. And here are some helpful tips to get you started.

A perfect patio

Now is the perfect time to update your deck or patio. If you have items, such as a bench, table or planters, that have seen better days, consider spray paint as the ideal choice to add new life to these patio favourites.

To be sure that you achieve professional looking and lasting results, choose a quality product. Popular for this reason is Krylon's DualPaint and Primer.

The "dual" feature allows you to prime and paint in one single step — to save you time and ensure a beautiful finish that will last.

Roof remedies

Although we rarely look up at our roofs and gutters, be sure to give them some attention. Wind and weather can wreak



A little paint can spruce up drab looking furniture. NEWS CANADA

havoc on these overhead areas — and no one wants to spend their summer dealing with inside water damage or worse — mould. Stop the drama before it starts by inspecting the roof and gutters and looking for damage such as holes, loose shingles or leaks.

A cool breeze

Be sure to check your air

conditioning to ensure that it's still running smoothly. Your air conditioner is important because it not only keeps your home cool, it also dehumidifies your house and keeps mould from developing inside the walls.

First, check the filters and replace them if they appear dirty, since a dirty filter can cause damage to your

air conditioner by making it work harder than necessary.

Turn your air conditioner on for a test run; once it has been running for a while, check the refrigerant levels by feeling the pipe connected to your A/C unit. It should feel cool to the touch — if it doesn't you may be low on refrigerant and will want to refill.

Make the inside sparkle

Outside projects shouldn't get all your attention. As you move inside, start off with small cleaning projects so you don't get overwhelmed.

Scrubbing your bathroom, vacuuming your carpets and dusting every inch of the house can take some time — which most of us don't have. Simple tasks such as cleaning one room a day, clearing off cluttered countertops as you walk into the kitchen, creating an organizing system and donating unused products to charity can get your house ready in no time. NEWS CANADA

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Build safety into your plans

Renovations can add to the comfort and value of your home, whether you are looking to simply improve the space or sell. Regardless of the reasons behind the project, home renovations come with excitement, decisions, and, most importantly, safety considerations.

Build safety into your renovation plans by keeping this checklist top of mind:

Plan ahead

It's important to plan ahead and account for the time it will take to get municipal building permits, finalize details or identify any utility lines (such as natural gas or electric) that run through your property before you start your project.

Investigate before you renovate

Natural gas pipes can run throughout your home. Never assume you know where the pipes are located within your house, or what's in them. Before you begin your project, hire a licensed heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) contractor to identify all piping. Even during the most routine renovation projects you could



Plan ahead and be sure to add safety to your renovation plans. NEWS CANADA

damage these pipes, creating a serious safety risk.

Leave room for air

If your renovation plans involve modifying the space around your furnace, water heater or appliances, be sure

you leave room for them to breathe.

Confirm with the HVAC contractor that there will be adequate ventilation for your natural gas, and other fuel-burning appliances, to work safely and efficiently.

Call before you dig

Before starting any outdoor renovation project that involves digging or excavating, remember to contact Ontario One Call at 1-800-400-2255 at least one week before you plan to start. NEWS CANADA

Insure that your work goes smoothly

Whether you are freshening up a room with a new coat of paint, or completely gutting your home, did you know that you could be leaving yourself open to serious risk if you start a major project without notifying your insurance provider?

Henry Blumenthal, vice-president, TD Insurance, offers his top tips to homeowners on how to protect their biggest investment during renovation season:

Check your insurance policy

While it's exciting to get the wheels in motion for the kitchen or basement of your dreams, the first call you should make is to your insurance provider to ensure you have adequate coverage during the renovations. For example, some homeowners may not be covered if they vacate their home for a certain amount of time.

Consider your renovations

A marble countertop in your kitchen may be high on your list, but consider



Don't leave yourself to risk before you start a renovation — notify your insurance provider of the work you are planning. NEWS CANADA

renovations that will not only increase the value of your home, but also save you money on your home insurance. For example, installing a home security system can reduce your premiums, and upgrading your basement to ensure it's watertight can save you from expensive headaches down the road.

Do your homework on your contractor

Your contractor should have general liability insurance, which will protect your home from damage or negligence.

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The little things do add up

It's true that attention-to-detail is second nature for most interior designers.

They tell us, for example, that it's always the little things that add up.

Indeed, while a good half of a kitchen renovation involves the things we need — from sufficient wiring to piping to ventilation — the other half involves the things we really like, such as beautiful flooring, appliances,

countertops, cupboards, and, of course, as much as ever, an eye-catching kitchen sink.

"How about an eye-catching drain to go with it?" says John Pearce at Novanni Stainless, a leading name in residential and commercial sinks? "Yes, a chic drain. Designers have found that even the fine details of your drain will add a touch of class, especially if it's edgeless and lies flush with the bottom of

the sink. In fact, recently, an Elkay edgeless drain became such a hit in the showroom — with "look at that perfect little drain" heard so frequently — Elkay decided to call it, and trademark it exactly that, the Perfect Drain."

Pearce points out the Perfect Drain is not only beautiful to the eye, it is also practical.

An edgeless drain gives you more work space within

the sink since no drain collar interferes.

"This style also eliminates the gap between the drain and sink, promoting cleanliness and efficiency," Pearce added. "The food bits and crumbs have nowhere to get stuck but directly in the drain basket. Also, installers find it easy to assemble and the purchaser has no extra parts to buy."

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A chic drain can add a touch of class to your kitchen. NEWS CANADA



Selecting the right contractor for your home renovation project is an important step. JUPITERIMAGES/PIXLAND/THINKSTOCK

Tips. Guidelines for choosing a contractor

Many of us love to renovate. A survey by the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation found that 40 per cent of households in 10 Canadian markets renovated their home. The same survey found that about three-quarters of households used a contractor to do all, or at least some, of their renovations.

Everyone has heard a construction/contractor horror story, either through a friend, family member or on a home improvement TV program. Whether it is work not performed to code or customer specifications, projects taking longer than expected, or costs going way over budget, home renovations can be a stressful endeavour.

"Spending thousands of dollars on your home is a big decision, so selecting the right contractor is an important step," says Wayne Ross, an insurance expert at Aviva Canada. "And while stories of renovation headaches are frequent, there are thousands of reputable contractors out there. A little preparation beforehand will certainly ease

the stress."

Ross offers these renovation tips to ensure homeowners finish their summer renovation projects with better success:

- Connect with previous customers: Ask your friends for referrals of contractors that they have used, especially on similar projects. Request additional referrals from possible candidates.
- Look for consistency and permanence: The ideal service provider has a physical business office and address, and has been in business for a number of years under the same name.
- Do a legal check: Ensure contractors are licensed by your province and that they have insurance, meaning they are covered if they are injured during the project.
- Notify your insurer: Contact your insurance broker to discuss if any of the renovations will require an adjustment to your home policy.

By following these simple tips, you will finish your summer renovation projects with success. NEWS CANADA

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Euro 2012

"If Ronaldo runs, it is impossible to stop him. We have to close the defence and not give him any space."

Czech Republic coach Michal Bilik, on devising a defensive plan to stop Portugal's star striker, Cristiano Ronaldo, in Thursday's European Championship quarter-final.

On the web



Roger Clemens was acquitted Monday on all charges that he obstructed and lied to Congress in denying he used performance-enhancing drugs. So does the seven-time Cy Young winner now have a better case to be inducted into Cooperstown? Scan the code for the story.

Senators' Karlsson cracks Norris code

NHL. High-flying Swede wins top-defenceman award day after signing extension to stay in Ottawa

A dream season for Erik Karlsson ended in spectacular fashion — with the Ottawa Senators defenceman holding the Norris Trophy.

One day after signing a \$45.5-million US, seven-year extension, the 22-year-old beat out Boston's Zdeno Chara and Nashville's Shea Weber for the award in voting by the Professional Hockey Writers' Association.

Karlsson's breakout season included 78 points — 25 more than any other blue-liner and the second-best total by a defenceman since the lockout.

It was his first nomination for the award.

"It's not something that I counted on," Karlsson said after winning the award. "It feels just really great, I think. I'm just a little bit nervous ... never been this nervous before in this kind of way."

"It's in one way very frustrating because I want to be who I normally am but it's very big and it's a great honour."

Karlsson's candidacy was a point of some debate in the hockey world, particularly since his offensive style was so different from the physical, defensively sound game played



Erik Karlsson poses with the Norris Trophy on Wednesday night in Las Vegas.
JULIE JACOBSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"It's something I'll look back on as being one of the best days of my life."

Senators defenceman Erik Karlsson after winning the Norris Trophy

by Chara and Weber.

However, the Bruins captain believes the choice came down to a matter of individual taste.

"Everybody likes something (different)," said Chara. "You

have three cars in front of you: You have the BMW, you have the Mercedes and you have the Porsche. A hundred people are going to like the Mercedes, a hundred people are going to

Jack Adams Award

Ken Hitchcock won his first Jack Adams Award Wednesday night as the NHL's best coach after his mid-season turnaround of the St. Louis Blues.

- Hitchcock beat out Ottawa's Paul MacLean and the New York Rangers' John Tortorella for the award.

- Hitchcock went 43-15-11 while dramatically changing the Blues' fortunes after replacing the fired Davis Payne in November.

- It was the fourth time Hitchcock has been nominated for the Adams Trophy.

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like the BMW and the rest are going to like the Porsche.

"Every guy is a winner, maybe, in the different worlds of each different group of writers."

Karlsson is the youngest winner of the award since Denis Potvin won the first of his three Norris Trophies in 1976 at age 22.

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For more coverage of the NHL awards, go to metronews.ca/sports.

Euro 2012

Chief ref admits mistake on Ukraine goal

Ukraine should have been awarded a goal in its European championship game against England, UEFA refereeing chief Pierluigi Collina said Wednesday.

"We made a mistake," Collina said. "I wish we hadn't made the mistake but we did. Referees are human beings and human beings make mistakes."

England defender John Terry made a goal-line clearance in the decisive group match in Donetsk, Ukraine, on Tuesday, but replays showed the ball was over the line. England led 1-0 at the time.

Collina said Hungarian referee Viktor Kassai and his assistants would play no further part in the tournament. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cycling

Hesjedal nets over \$10K for Giro pink jersey

One of Ryder Hesjedal's pink jerseys from his Giro d'Italia victory has fetched \$10,300 US on eBay.

The first Canadian man to win one of cycling's three Grand Tours put his Stage 7 autographed jersey up for auction.

Hesjedal has said the money will go to Canadian Athletes Now Fund, or CanFund, and also to his own cycling foundation.

A pink jersey is worn by the Giro d'Italia's overall leader. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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New York	41	27	.603	—
Baltimore	39	29	.574	2
Tampa Bay	38	29	.567	2½
Boston	34	33	.507	6½
Toronto	35	34	.507	6½

CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	35	32	.522	—
Chicago	35	33	.515	½
Detroit	33	34	.493	2
Kansas City	31	36	.463	4
Minnesota	26	40	.394	8½

WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	42	27	.609	—
Los Angeles	37	32	.536	5
Oakland	32	36	.471	9½
Seattle	30	41	.423	13

INTERLEAGUE

Wednesday's results
Milwaukee 8 Toronto 3
Arizona 14, Seattle 10
Atlanta 10 N.Y. Yankees 5
Kansas City 2 Houston 1
Texas at San Diego
Cincinnati at Cleveland
Minnesota at Pittsburgh
St. Louis at Detroit
Tampa Bay at Washington
Baltimore at N.Y. Mets
Miami at Boston
Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox
L.A. Dodgers at Oakland
San Francisco at L.A. Angels
Tuesday's results
Toronto 10 Milwaukee 9
Atlanta 4 N.Y. Yankees 3
Boston 7 Miami 5
Chicago Cubs 2 Chicago White Sox 1
Cleveland 3 Cincinnati 2 (10 innings)
Detroit 6 St. Louis 3
Kansas City 2 Houston 0
L.A. Angels 12 San Francisco 5
N.Y. Mets 5 Baltimore 0
Oakland 3 L.A. Dodgers 0
Pittsburgh 7 Minnesota 2
Seattle 12 Arizona 9 (10 innings)
Tampa Bay 5 Washington 4
Texas 7 San Diego 3
Thursday's Games — All Times Eastern
St. Louis (Lohse 6-2) at Detroit (Turner 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-3) at Oakland (Blackley 1-2), 3:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Hendriks 0-3) at Pittsburgh (Ja.McDonald 5-3), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (M.Moore 4-5) at Washington (G.Gonzalez 8-3), 7:05 p.m.
Miami (Zambrano 4-5) at Boston (Matsuzaka 0-2), 7:10 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

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Tuesday's result
Miami 104 Oklahoma City 98
Thursday's game — All Times Eastern
Oklahoma City at Miami, 9 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Miami at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, June 26
x-Miami at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
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NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	38	27	.585	—
Atlanta	37	32	.536	3
New York	37	32	.536	3
Miami	33	34	.493	6
Philadelphia	32	37	.464	8

CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	38	29	.567	—
Pittsburgh	35	31	.530	2½
St. Louis	34	34	.500	4½
Milwaukee	32	37	.464	7
Houston	28	41	.406	11
Chicago	24	44	.353	14½

WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	42	26	.618	—
San Francisco	38	31	.551	4½
Arizona	34	35	.493	8½
Colorado	25	41	.379	16
San Diego	24	45	.348	18½

Wednesday's result
Colorado at Philadelphia
Tuesday's result
Philadelphia 7 Colorado 2
Thursday's game — All Times Eastern
Colorado (Francis 0-1) at Philadelphia (Worley 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
BREWERS 8, BLUE JAYS 3

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Laurie 3b	3	1	0	0	Gomez cf	4	2	1	2
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Rasmus cf	4	0	1	1	Braun lf	4	1	3	2
Bautist rf	4	0	0	0	Aski lf	0	0	0	0
Encrnc 1b	4	1	2	2	ArRmr 3b	4	0	1	0
KJhnsn 2b	4	0	1	0	Hart 1b	3	1	1	1
Mathis c	3	0	1	0	RWeks 2b	4	0	0	0
Vizquel ss-ss	4	0	1	0	Ransm ss	3	1	0	0
RDavis lf	4	0	2	0	Mlndc d	4	1	3	2
Carren p	1	0	0	0	Gallard p	3	1	1	0
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2B—Rasmus (15), Braun (12), Ar.Ramirez (20), M.Maldonado (1), Gallardo (1), HR—Encarnacion (20), C.Gomez (3), Braun (20), Hart (15), M.Maldonado (5), SB—C.Gomez (8), Braun (12), Hart (2). S—Mathis.
Toronto
Carreno L, 0-2 3 5 5 2 3
Laffey 3 3 1 1 1 1
L.Perez 1 3 2 2 0 1
Fraser 1 1 0 0 0 2
Milwaukee
Gallardo W, 6-5 6-2 3 7 3 3 2 7
Dillard H, 1 11-3 2 0 0 1 2
Fiers 1 0 0 0 0 2
HBP—by Dillard (Encarnacion).
T—303. A—33,077 (41,900) at Milwaukee, Wisc.

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Claimed RHP David Pauley off waivers from the L.A. Angels. Assigned RHP Shawn Hill to Las Vegas (PCL). Optioned 3B Yan Gomes to Las Vegas. Recalled RHP Joel Carreno from Las Vegas.

NHL

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Named Donald Dufresne assistant coach and Vincent Riendeau goaltending consultant of Hamilton (AHL).

CFL

PRE-SEASON EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Toronto	2	2	0	0	54	44	4
Winnipeg	1	1	0	0	22	10	2
Hamilton	1	0	1	0	24	29	0
Montreal	2	0	2	0	30	47	0

WEST DIVISION

B.C.	1	1	0	0	44	10	2
Calgary	1	1	0	0	20	17	0
Edmonton	1	0	1	0	17	20	0
Saskatchewan	1	0	1	0	10	44	0

WEEK TWO

Wednesday's result
Hamilton at Winnipeg
Tuesday's result
Toronto 25 Montreal 20
Thursday's game — All Times Eastern
B.C. at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Friday's game
Calgary at Saskatchewan, 9 p.m.
END OF PRE-SEASON

GOLF

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

PGA TOUR

TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP
Site: Cromwell, Conn.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: TPC River Highlands (6,841 yards, par 70).
Purse: US\$6.5 million. **Winner's share:** \$1.17 million.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com
LPGA TOUR
MANULIFE FINANCIAL LPGA CLASSIC
Site: Waterloo, Ont.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Grey Silo Golf Course (6,532 yards, par 71).
Purse: \$1.3 million. **Winner's share:** \$195,000.
Last year: Inaugural event.
Online: http://www.lpga.com

CHAMPIONS TOUR

MONTREAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Site: Sainte-Julie, Que.
Schedule: Friday-Sunday.
Course: Vallee du Richelieu Golf Club, Vercheres Course (6,894 yards, par 72).
Purse: \$1.8 million. **Winner's share:** \$270,000.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com
EUROPEAN PGA TOUR
BMW INTERNATIONAL OPEN
Site: Pulheim, Germany.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Gut Larchenhof Golf Club (7,228 yards, par 72).
Purse: \$2.52 million. **Winner's share:** \$419,460.
Online: http://www.europeantour.com

NATIONWIDE TOUR

WICHITA OPEN

Site: Wichita, Kan.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Crestview Country Club (6,951 yards, par 71).
Purse: \$600,000. **Winner's share:** \$108,000.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com
CANADIAN TOUR
ATB FINANCIAL CLASSIC
Site: Edmonton.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Windermere Golf and Country Club.
Online: http://www.cantour.com

TENNIS

ATP-WTA AEGON INTERNATIONAL

At Eastbourne, England
Men
Singles — Second Round
Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Marcel Granollers (2), Spain, 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 (2)
Andreas Seppi (3), Italy, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 7-6 (2), 6-3.
Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Bernard Tomic (4), Australia, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.
Andy Roddick (6), U.S., def. Jeremy Chardy, France, 6-2, 7-6 (6)
Philipp Kohlschreiber (7), Germany, def. Jamie Baker, Britain, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3
Steve Darcis, Belgium, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4
Ryan Harrison, U.S., def. Yen-Hsun Lu, Taipei, 6-1, 7-6 (2)
Doubles — Quarter-finals
Michail Elgin, Russia, and Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Daniele Bracciali and Andreas Seppi, Italy, 5-7, 7-6 (1), 12-10 (tiebreak).
Colin Fleming and Ross Hutchins (3), Britain, def. Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram, Israel, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (2).
Jamie Delgado and Ken Skupski, Britain, def. Pablo Andujar and Albert Ramos, Spain, 6-3, 6-0.
Matthew Ebdon, Australia, and Donald Young, U.S., def. Dominic Inglot and Jonathan Murray, Britain, 6-2, 4-6, 11-9 (tiebreak).
Women
Singles — Second Round
Marion Bartoli (4), France, def. Aleksandra Wozniak, Blainville, Que., 6-2, 6-2.
Angelique Kerber (5), Germany, def. Chanelle Schepers, South Africa, 6-3, 6-2.
Lucie Safarova (7), Czech Republic, def. Heather Watson, Britain, 7-6 (5), 6-1.
Tamira Paszek, Austria, def. Daniela Hantuchova (8), Slovakia, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.
Petra Cetkowska (9), Czech Republic, 6-1, 1-6, 6-2
Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, def. Stephanie Dubois, Laval, Que., 6-0, 4-6, 6-4.
Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Laura Robson, Britain, 6-4, 7-5.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, def. Christina McHale, U.S., 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.
ATP-WTA UNICEF OPEN
At Den Bosch, Netherlands
Men
Singles — Second Round
David Ferrer (1), Spain, def. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, 6-2, 6-1.
Tatsuma Ito, Japan, def. Jurgen Melzer (3), Austria, 6-2, 6-2.
Benoit Paire, France, def. Lukas Kubot (8), Poland, 6-3, 0-6, 6-4.
Igor Sijsling, Netherlands, def. Olivier Rochus, Belgium, 7-5, 7-6 (4).
Xavier Malisse, Belgium, def. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 7-6 (3), 6-2.
Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Mate Pavic, Croatia (walkover).
Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, def. Flavio Cipolla, Italy, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.
Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, def. Alejandro Fal-la, Colombia, 6-3, 6-0.
Women
Singles — Second Round
Roberta Vinci (6), Italy, def. Monica Niculescu, Romania, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-0.
Francesca Schiavone, Italy, def. Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (8).
Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, def. Daria Gavrilova, Russia, 7-5, 7-6 (4).
Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, def. Arantxa Rus, Netherlands, 6-4, 6-1.
Doubles — Semifinals
Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (1), Italy, def. Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, and Barbora Zlahlava Styracova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 3-6, 10-6 (tiebreak).

WIMBLEDON QUALIFYING

At Roehampton, England
(qualifying-round winners advance to main draw)
Men's Singles — Qualifying Round
Jurgen Zopp (1), Estonia, def. Izak Van der Merwe, South Africa, 6-4, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.
Michael Russell (4), U.S., def. Yuichi Sugita, Japan, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.
Jesse Levine (5), U.S., def. Wayne Odesnik (20), U.S., 7-6 (3), 6-1, 6-2.
Dustin Brown, Germany, def. Rajeev Ram (8), U.S., 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
Simone Bolelli (9), Italy, def. Maxime Authom, Belgium, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4.
Jimmy Wang, Taiwan, def. Roberto Bautista-Agut (10), Spain, 6-0, 6-7 (5), 7-5.
Brian Baker (11), U.S., def. Maxime Teixeira, France, 5-7, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.
Ruben Bemelmans (18), Belgium, def. Farrukh Dustov, Uzbekistan, 6-3, 6-7 (3), 7-5, 6-1.
Ryan Sweeting (21), U.S., def. Peter Torebko, Germany, 3-6, 1-6, 7-6 (3), 7-5, 6-2.
Florent Serra (22), France, def. Matteo Viola, Italy, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (8), 6-2.
Jerzy Janowicz (24), Poland, def. Denis Kudla, U.S., 6-1, 6-0, 6-2.
Inigo Cervantes (31), Spain, def. Erik Chvojka, Montreal, 6-7 (4), 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (3), 6-2.
Andrey Kuznetsov (32), Russia, def. Marc Gicquel, France, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3, 6-2.
Adrian Menendez-Maceiras, Spain, def. Ivan Navarro, Spain, 7-5, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.
Guillaume Rufin, France, def. Jonathan Daries de Veigy, France, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-4.
Kenny de Schepper, France, def. Marcel Felder, Uruguay, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.
Doubles — Qualifying Round
Andre Begemann, Germany, and Igor Zelenay (5), Slovakia, def. Rik de Voest, South Africa, and Adil Shamasdin, Pickering, Ont., 6-4, 6-2.
Lewis Burton and George Morgan, Britain, def. Adrian Menendez-Maceiras, Spain, and Philipp Oswald (8), Austria, 7-6 (1), 4-6, 7-5.
Women's Singles — Second Round
Melinda Czink (1), Hungary, def. Maria Joao Koehler, Portugal, 7-6 (4), 2-6, 8-6.
Maria Elena Camerin, Italy, def. Garbine Muguruza Blanco (3), Spain, 6-4, 6-2.
Misaki Doi (4), Japan, def. Madison Keys, U.S., 5-7, 7-5, 6-3.
Sesil Karatantcheva (5), Kazakhstan, def. Lisa Whybourn, Britain, 5-7, 6-4, 6-0.
Kristyna Pliskova, Czech Republic, def. Stefanie Voegtle (8), Switzerland, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Karolina Pliskova (9), Czech Republic, def. Michelle Larcher de Brito, Portugal, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
Camila Giorgi, Italy, def. Olivia Rogowska (10), Australia, 6-1, 6-4.
Lara Arruabarrena-Vecin (11), Spain, def. Tatjana Malek, Germany, 6-3, 6-3.
Mirjana Lucic (12), Croatia, def. Gisela Dulko, Argentina, 6-4, 6-2.
Claire Aurelle Feuerstein (13), France, def. Yuliya Beyerzimer, Ukraine, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.
CoCo Vandeweghe (14), U.S., def. Kathrin Woerle, Germany, 6-4, 6-4.
Valeria Savinykh (15), Russia, def. Ines Ferrer Suarez, Spain, 6-3, 6-4.
Irena Pavlovic, France, def. Erika Sema (16), Japan, 6-0, 6-4.
Alexa Glatch, U.S., def. Aravane Rezaei (17), France, 7-6 (5), 6-2.
Annik Beck, Germany, def. Yvonne Meusburger (20), Austria, 6-2, 6-3.
Kristina Mladenovic, France, def. Dinah Pfizenmaier (21), Germany, 6-3, 6-4.
Sandra Zaniewska, Poland, def. Mihaela Buzarnescu (23), Romania, 6-3, 6-1.
Bibiane Schoofs (24), Netherlands, def. Zheng Saisai, China, 6-3, 6-3.
Marta Sirotkina, Russia, def. Heidi El Talbakh, Toronto, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Doubles — First Round
Sharon Fichman, Toronto, and Sesil Karatantcheva, Kazakhstan, def. Mariana Duque-Marino, Colombia, and Edina Gallovits-Hall (7), Romania, 6-1, 7-6 (5).

SOCCER

EURO 2012

FIRST ROUND

x — clinched quarter-final berth
GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Czech Rep.	3	2	0	1	4	4	6
x-Greece	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Russia	3	1	1	1	5	3	4
Poland	3	0	2	1	2	3	2

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Germany	3	3	0	0	5	2	9
x-Portugal	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Denmark	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
Netherlands	3	0	0	3	2	5	0

GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Spain	3	2	1	0	6	1	7
x-Italy	3	1	2	0	4	2	5
Croatia	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Ireland	3	0	0	3	1	9	0

GROUP D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-England	3	2	1	0	5	3	7
x-France	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Ukraine	3	1	0	2	2	4	3
Sweden	3	1	0	2	5	5	3

QUARTER-FINALS

Thursday's game — All Times Eastern
At Warsaw, Poland
Czech Republic vs. Portugal, 2:45 p.m.
Friday's game
At Gdansk, Poland
Germany vs. Greece, 2:45 p.m.
Saturday's game
At Kiev, Ukraine
Spain vs. France, 2:45 p.m.
Sunday's game
At Donetsk, Ukraine
Italy vs. Italy, 2:45 p.m.

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
D.C.	16	9	4	3	29	19	30
Kansas City	13	9	3	1	19	10	28
New York	14	8	4	2	27	21	26
Chicago	14	6	5	3	18	18	21
Houston	13	5	4	4	15	16	19
Columbus	13	5	4	4	13	13	19
New England	14	5	7	2	18	17	17
Montreal	14	4	7	3	19	22	15
Philadelphia	12	2	8	2	8	15	8
Toronto	11	1	10	0	8	23	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Salt Lake	15	10	3	2	25	14	32
San Jose	14	8	3	3	27	17	27
Vancouver	14	7	3	4	17	15	25
Seattle	14	7	4	3	17	13	24
Colorado	14	6	7	1	20	19	19
Chivas USA	14	4	7	3	9	17	15
Los Angeles	14	4	8	2	16	21	14
Portland	13	3	6	4	12	16	13
Dallas	16	3	9	4	16	26	13

Across

- 1 Family member
- 5 Inclination
- 9 Bratty sort
- 12 Stagehands
- 13 Reed instrument
- 14 Darin's wife
- 15 South Seas starch source
- 16 Sell
- 17 Part of UNLV
- 18 At a snail's pace
- 19 Will Ferrell movie
- 20 Let off steam
- 21 That girl
- 23 Copper head?
- 25 Convent leader
- 28 Holy city?
- 32 Employs
- 33 Kohoutek, e.g.
- 34 Rhododendron's kin
- 36 Secret
- 37 Type measures
- 38 Mainlander's memento
- 39 Cracked slightly
- 42 Possessed
- 44 Rockwell's magazine
- 48 Promptly
- 49 Ex-frosh
- 50 Always
- 51 Links prop
- 52 — Major
- 53 Showroom sample

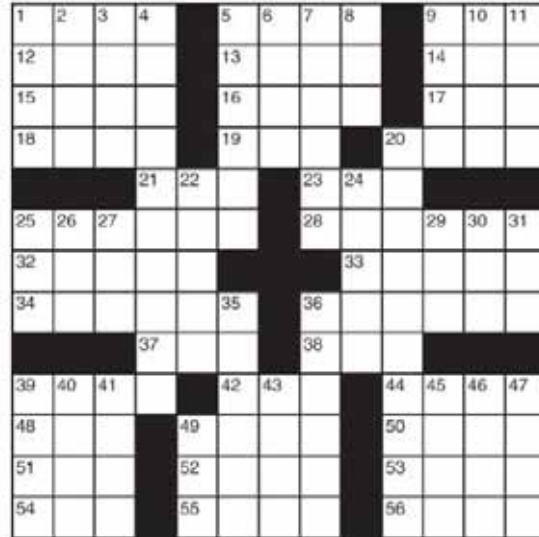
- 54 Some tracks
- 55 Track event
- 56 Oklahoma city

Down

- 1 Performances
- 2 Caspian Sea feeder
- 3 Sleuth Wolfe
- 4 Bike
- 5 Lids
- 6 The third man
- 7 OK for dieters
- 8 "Hazel" cartoonist

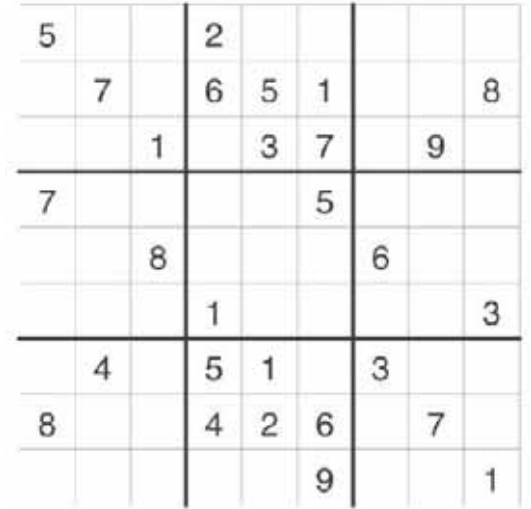
Key

- 9 Between jobs
- 10 Contemptible
- 11 Nuisance
- 20 Bike
- 22 Ruhr city
- 24 Bowling game
- 25 "Eureka!"
- 26 Occupation, colloquially
- 27 Underwear with underwire
- 29 Ostrich's cousin
- 30 East Coast st.
- 31 Mel of Cooperstown
- 35 On the beach
- 36 Trite
- 39 Initial chip
- 40 "Piano Man" singer
- 41 Dumbfounds



- 43 Basilica section
- 45 It takes the cake
- 46 Big rig
- 47 Stomped (on)

49 Bottom line



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	9	6	8	3	7	1	5	4
1	7	5	2	4	9	6	8	3
3	8	4	5	1	6	2	9	7
4	1	7	9	2	8	3	6	5
5	2	9	6	7	3	8	4	1
6	3	8	4	5	1	7	2	9
7	6	2	3	9	5	4	1	8
9	4	1	7	8	2	5	3	6
8	5	3	1	6	4	9	7	2

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

S O E Z W F W B E C U W Z S O T
D H H S K W , A D J D G V G M M D V W
W B M F D J W W V ' K D - N D C U W C V E C W
K D O V S A W C W A K E F F - F W E T G W V ?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MY WALL-COVERING
BUSINESS HAS BEEN GETTING MUCH SLOWER.
YOU MIGHT SAY PAPERING IS TAPERING.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals O



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34°/18°
Sunny

Friday

27°/16°
Partly cloudy

Know what the weather will be 14 days from now.
Check the 14 day trend.

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Horoscope

- ♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.**
Travel and social activities are well starred today and for several days to come, so get up and get at 'em.
- ♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.**
You will be tempted to splash out on pretty things, both for yourself and as gifts for other people. It's good of you to be so generous but can you really afford it?
- ♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.**
By all means, make an effort to see things from someone else's point of view but don't go too far and betray your own beliefs.
- ♊ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.**
You want to do good deeds for people but don't spend so much time helping strangers that you neglect those you are closest to emotionally.

- ♊ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.** In some people's eyes, you have been a bit too self-obsessed of late. Time to remind them you're a nice guy.
- ♊ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.**
People in positions of authority will go out of their way to help you today. This may surprise you considering how difficult they have been in recent weeks but it's not a trick.
- ♊ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.**
Venus, your ruler, is aligned with Uranus, planet of changes, so if you need to shake things up a bit, you'll find it easy to do so.
- ♊ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.**
The intensity of your feelings may surprise you today, but only because you have bottled up your emotions for so long. Something will happen that brings it all out into the open.

- ♊ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.** Partnerships generally and affairs of the heart in particular will improve to no end over the next few days.
- ♊ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.** Something you took a bit too seriously in the past will no longer worry you. In fact, you'll put it out of your mind for good.
- ♊ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.**
No matter how much your creative efforts may have been hindered in the past, you will find it easy to side-step obstructions and do something extraordinary now.
- ♊ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.**
Try to be a bit more discerning about who you show warmth and regard for. Yes, of course, each soul is precious but you cannot give your heart to everyone. **SALLY BROMPTON**



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Liz

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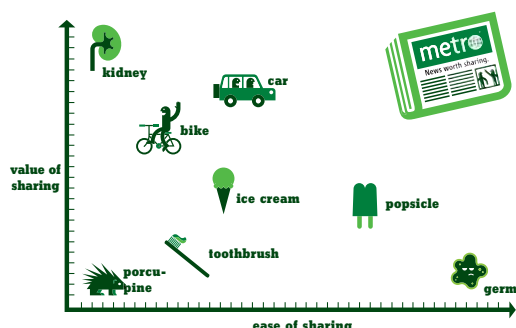
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